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Naturally we have a chopping block in the kitchen, but that doesn't do Don much good when he wants to carve a steak he has just cooked in the family room fireplace. So, to keep him happy, I recently acquired a hard wood carving board on a folding stand that can be toed here and there, wherever it's needed. The board is just the right height for an outdoor grill, but it is going to see a lot of indoor use this winter in our house. And it's as well-made and sturdy as it is convenient. I ordered it from Country Craftsmen, Antrim, New Hampshire.

We all know a good wine deserves a good glass, and the shape of the glass is a very important part of the wine's enjoyment. To quote from that great cook book "Mastering the Art of French Cooking" by Simone Beck, Louise Bertholle, and Julia Child (Alfred A. Knopf), "The bigger the wine, the bigger the glass. A small glass gives no room for the bouquet to develop, nor for the drinker to swirl." By that criterion, Pasco's Adora pattern might almost be called the perfect wineglass. Certainly these long, thin-stemmed beauties made in Austria would start a bride on the right track or compliment the discernment of a couple on their fifteenth anniversary. My sister's is coming up next month and after seeing Adora at Bergdorf Goodman's in New York, I am very tempted to pamper her.

I've never seen (would never have thought of) a house gift as imaginative and at the same as thoroughly useful as the one that arrived from the couple who stayed with us last weekend: a charming functional picnic basket, packed with a peasant tablecloth, a bottle of excellent red wine, and a collection of gourmet delicacies—tinned meats, imported biscuits, a Reblochon cheese, dried carrot sticks, a box of petits fours and a can of pâté as au rhum. I've told myself that come spring I'll build a whole picnic around it—if I can just resist the temptation to borrow from it in the meantime.

Kay Corbett said it was while she was browsing around Papier Mâché in New York that she got the idea for her "bar room" party. She was fascinated by some paper chandelle—Japanese-lantern-style versions of the Tiffany glass lampshades that were so elegant when they were new and so soon became the hallmark of the pretentiously decorated turn-of-the-century saloons. An old-fashioned saloon, Kay decided, would not be too difficult to reproduce in her not-quite-finished basement. So she went to work with extra-wide kraft paper and a stapling gun, covered the walls and ceiling, and with the help of some talented friends, marking pens, and water paints cartooned a luxum reclin­ing nude over a garish painted-on bar mirror, and, on the opposite wall, drew the saloon's front win­dow complete with a street scene outside. The walls between were hung with "portraits" of muscular gentlemen in boxing shorts, punctuated with motos, rubber trees, and such. Small tables with red- and-white checked tablecloths were placed around the room. A serving bar, made of planks on sawhorses and decorated with a paper skirt painted to resemble glossy mahogany, was set up under the pretend mirror. The scene was appropriately lit (i.e., not much) with a dozen of the paper chandeliers—24-inch-diameter af­fairs that burlesque the Tiffany shades with disarming accuracy. Besides liquor, the bar was equipped with the traditional "free lunch"—platters of cold meat, mounds of crusty breads and pretzels, pickles, half-a-dozen cheeses from Liederkranz to Jack, big jars of pickled eggs and pigs feet. The gentlemen were invited to come in shirt sleeves and snappy weskits. The ladies wore whatever suited their fancy. The party was such a success I'm thinking of trying my hand at painted paper scenery for a Tyrolean after-ski party for the children.

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By Thomas H. Ormsbee

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J.C.—Sarasota, Fla.

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Can you help me find out if this set of mining scene plates is unique? The plates are marked Mark-Milliet and Co.

L.B.—Placerville, Calif.

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SMALL HOTELS IN THE CARIBBEAN

Come the first drab days of winter and most of us who inhabit the ice-and-snow belt are afflicted with a common malaise—the desire to escape to a tropical island where the water is a beckoning blue and the sun just keeps on shining. Some head for the hyperbolic high life of the large luxury hotels, but more and more vacationers are seeking out secluded little hotels where the service is personal and pampering, the pace is unhurried and relaxed, the surroundings as idyllic as man and nature can contrive, and the food comes fresh from the sea and the market place. The Caribbean is studied with these away-from-it-all retreats, but they are surprisingly hard to locate. Mostly you hear about them through word-of-mouth, for few small hotels, with their limited accommodations, need or wish to advertise, and find contented guests their best propagandists.

Last March I went small-hotel hunting through the chain of islands that curves like a necklace across the Caribbean from the coast of South America toward Miami. I visited Tobago, Grenada, St. Vincent, Martinique, Antigua, Sint Maarten, and Jamaica, a trip that sounds extensive, but was only a sampling of the islands. Each hotel I stayed at or saw had its own special charm and individuality, compounded partly from the distinctive character of the islands themselves (although only minutes apart by plane, each one is surprisingly different), but mostly from the taste and personalities of their owner-managers. Everywhere I encountered intriguing, adaptable ideas and little courtesies that made me feel I was in a private house—a bowl of fresh tropical fruit by my bedside, a hibiscus blossom tucked between the salt and pepper on my breakfast table, a pan of water outside my beach cottage to rinse the sand from my feet, a pretty terrycloth beach robe hanging in my bedroom closet. Friendly informality is the true essence of the Caribbean, a mood that washes over you like warm surf even before you reach your destination. I first became aware of it at Antigua, where the big Pan Am jet, southbound from Kennedy Airport to Trinidad, made its second scheduled stop, long enough for a look around the airport. By the time we took off, the few remaining passengers were joking and gossiping like old acquaintances. Mainland reserve had disappeared, Caribbean laissez-faire took over.

Tobago—the Arnos Vale Hotel

A half-hour flight from Trinidad’s Piarco Airport lies tranquil Tobago, which so precisely fits your mental image of a tropical island that it at first seems slightly unreal. The road from the airport to the Arnos Vale Beach Hotel, near the village of Plymouth, winds past coconut palms and tangled vegetation
H&G's travel editor reports on intimate, individual little hideaways on seven islands in the sun

By José Wilson

broken by occasional tantalizing glimpses of secluded little coves and sparkling water with not so much as a stray sun bather in sight. The hotel—a main house and cottages tucked away on the ridges of hills that fall steeply away to a crescent of white sand and a private bay whose limpid waters, full of exotic fish and coral gardens, are a snorkeler's heaven—is like a natural (if more cultivated) part of the landscape. Local materials such as cedar and coral rock from the bay were used in the construction, and the sea-gazing rooms of the main house are open to each other, to terraces, cool breezes, and a panoramic view of gardens spilling down the hillside in a blaze of hibiscus, oleander, bougainvillaea, convolvulus, and croton.

Yet, despite this open airiness, there is a pleasantly paradoxical small-scale coziness reminiscent of an English country house (not surprising, since owner-manager Jeffrey Cooke and his wife Carol hail from England). In the lounge, deep armchairs coaxingly placed near crowded bookshelves face an old Dutch gun chest shining with the patina of age. A Murano glass chandelier is suspended over a lacy straw rug from Dominica. Dominating all this is a spectacular grand piano made for the Paris Exhibition of 1851, gilded and painted with swags and a Watteau-esque scene, that any antique dealer would give his eyeteeth for.

Everything at the Arnos Vale runs with the smooth synchronization that comes from good staff work, including meal service, something for which the easygoing Caribbean is not noted. A line of trim waitresses in gray uniforms and starched yellow aprons and high caps weaves smoothly from table to table, offering a succession of dishes. Food is Mr. Cooke's concern and chief interest, and meals at (Continued on page 35)

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Island Inn four years ago. Assisted by Colin Laird, a British-born architect with offices in Trinidad, he has evolved one of the best designs for a modern island hotel I have seen. The dining room, kitchens, bar, and offices are in the central hotel building, while cottages stretch away on either side down the full extent of the beach, each so well oriented and separated that you have a sense of complete privacy—and 60 feet of beachfront to call your own. Between each bedroom and bathroom is a small private garden (and a handy hook on the wall for hanging up wet bathing suits) with sliding glass doors and louvers at either end of the bedroom to let the breezes through. Like many of the hotels I visited, Spice Island Inn is on the leeward side of the island where, I learned, trade winds blowing from the land tend to sweep insects out to sea. A Scottish couple I talked to told me that when they pick an island hotel from a brochure, they always check to see which way the palm trees lean—shoreward or seaward!

Meals at Spice Island Inn are a constant surprise and delight, for Alan Krassner and his chef, a young Englishman called Bert Toyne (who, before arriving at Spice Island Inn, had never cooked professionally in his life), have scrapped the typical hotel menu and created a light, refreshing cuisine suited to the climate and based on cold soups, simple main courses of plainly cooked meat or fresh fish (with never a sauce), and fruit desserts. Some of the more memorable tastes that still linger on my tongue are a velvety vichyssoise made with breadfruit instead of potatoes; a punch made from a native red sorrel, soaked, strained, flavored with cinnamon, and chilled; soursop fool; sopadilla ice cream; guava coupe; flying fish marinated in garlic, onions, and lime juice and fried Barbados style; and turkey with coconut stuffing. One heavenly concoction turned out to be simply good old Heinz canned tomato soup mixed with orange juice and a little light cream and chilled.

With a palm-shaded beach and buoyant blue water just a few feet from my door, and with the effort it took just to move further than the Inn’s dining room, I still managed to spend a morning in St. George’s (the Inn provides twice-daily transportation to town). The shops proved disappointing, but the market, like most island markets, was fascinating. I love to wander around the stalls, piled with exotic, unfamiliar produce. I picked up for pennies a handful of nutmegs in their natural state—glossy brownish-black nuts veiled with the scarlet threads of mace, an outer covering that is a spice in its own right.

St. Vincent—Young Island

Alan Krassner, who on his out-of-season busman's holidays stops off at other hotels in the Caribbean, had told me about a brand new hotel just opened on St. Vincent, the new hotel just opened on St. Vincent, so the minute I got to the airport I headed there. Young Island, which turned out to be really an island unto itself, is a twenty-acre retreat 200 yards offshore from St. Vincent, owned and operated by John and Polly Houser. Mr. Houser, a former vice-president of American Express and Hilton Hotels International, has had plenty of major-league experience, but his own brainchild—the antithesis of the huge, impersonal resort hotel—reflects his belief that today's vacationers are seeking smaller, more peaceful

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My hotel was not in Fort-de-France, but across the bay on a peninsula, near Les Trois Ilots, birthplace of Josephine, where you can see touching memorabilia of her life displayed in a tiny stone museum. One look at the local girls, with their superb carriage and glowing good looks, explains Napoleon’s infatuation with his empress. The Auberge de l’Anse Milian is a modest French family-style country inn, and a favorite Sunday lunch spot for residents of Fort-de-France (boats make regular trips across for a fare of 30 cents). The hotel faces a beach and jetty, and the verandas, one of which is the dining terrace, have an uninterrupted view over the bay.

The cooking of Mr. Rapicault, the owner, was one of the high points of my trip. Each morning he would take the early boat to Fort-de-France and the markets, coming back with fresh fish and produce for the day’s meals. There might be an hors d’oeuvre of thin slices of avocado, cucumber, fresh hearts of palm (crisply delicate, totally unlike the canned variety), and tomatoes vinaigrette; crab farci, the meat mixed with onion, garlic, hot green pepper, and bread crumbs; and baked; kingfish cooked Creole-style with onions, tomatoes, and hot pepper, served with rice and slices of...
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Antigua—
the Inn at English Harbour

By way of contrast, Antigua was the most British of the islands I visited—as befits the onetime home of the Duke of Clarence, later William IV, and Admiral Nelson. Roads wind like English lanes through neat fields broken by occasional patches of sugar cane and the strange fortilike structures that are the old sugar mills with the sails lopped off. Antigua is a prosperous, bustling island with a rum distillery, two potteries, a capital—St. John's—where angular modern buildings jostle the old colonial houses and an estimated twenty-seven hotels and guest houses, plus the American members only Mill Reef Club. My hotel, the Inn, was on the south side of the island, tucked away on the slopes of Antigua's national park overlooking the calm waters of English Harbour, the land-locked stronghold of Nelson's Leeward Island Squadron during the Napoleonic Wars. The rooms that form part of the main building (there are more down at the beach) have private terraces where you can watch the comings and goings of boats in the Harbour while sharing a leisurely breakfast with bold little birds that raid your breakfast tray, dipping their beaks in the sugar, the marmalade, and the milk jug, and seizing stray crumbs of toast. The hotel is comfortable, relaxed, with a big terrace for outdoor dining and dancing, and a bar like an English country pub—wood settles, brick walls, dark beams, a collection of pewter mugs.

The hotel boat will take you across the water and into Nelson's Dockyard, which is being restored to its old glory by the Society of the Friends of English Harbour. Many of the buildings including the Admiral's House, now a small museum, have been rebuilt or repaired, but not as lifeless restorations. The Paymaster's House is a yacht charterer's office, the Officers' Quarters are rented to skippers, and the Engineer's Office, a two-story eighteenth-century brick house, has been converted into a ten-room hotel, the Admiral's Inn. In the evenings, when the bar, dining room, and terrace are taken over by yachtsmen from the boats, guests, and island residents, it is one of the swingingest places on the island. This inn went down on my list of small hotels, and before I left Antigua I found one more—the Galley Bay Surf Club. On the western coast of the island, the Galley Bay is a freehand composition of cottages and separate hotel rooms (office, bar, lounge) scattered over a glorious beach. The lounge, furnished with some fine antiques, is insouciantly open to the weather on one side, screened only by a most unusual room divider made from Antiguan pottery braziers (called coal pots by the natives) stacked in ceiling-high columns.

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THE LITTLEST TRADITIONS

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BY EDITH SONN OSHIN

A special shout to this coming yuletide to Miss Templeton and Alvin, and to Billy B., who got the measles, and Maritta who made funny faces. The toast may be a little overdue, but only in recent years did my husband and I learn that these people had played parts, even unwittingly, in some of the smaller Christmas traditions in our home.

When their roles first came to light, they gave me a small jolt, as if I'd been told suddenly that I'd been spelling Santa Claus wrong all these years. But I've come to appreciate that small group, and to think of them with affection when we unpack that big carton marked FRAGILE—XMAS DECORATIONS.

The Christmas carton is huge; its sides bulge, but the handles within weigh so little that even our younger boys can now manage, unaided, to get it downstairs from the attic. Stored within the corrugated confines, wrapped inside smaller boxes and tissue paper and cotton, are the accoutrements for the holiday season—the makings for our main traditions (such as stockings to be hung, and the copy of “The Night Before Christmas” to be read aloud by our youngest child), and, also, the wherewithal for our little traditions. Unlike the major customs which link us to our ancestry, these traditions have no ancestry. They weren't inherited (none are more than twelve years old). They just grew, unexpectedly, within our own family and from what I've learned in recent years, a few may have taken root within the wrong household.

The beginning of a small tradition is usually so simple it's rarely recognized as a custom—in the making. Its incipience may be in a thought expressed while trimming the tree, or in a child's offer of a handmade gift. The next year, a trinket in the Christmas carton awakens the memory of a delightful moment that occurred the previous season. The memorable gesture is recalled, or the remark repeated, and before anyone can say so much as "Please pass the tinsel," a little tradition puts down tender roots.

Among our favorite little customs, we count the hanging of certain decorations on the tree—specifically two little snowmen, and a cardboard ornament that holds a snapshot (circa 1955) of our oldest son. Each year as we carefully unwrap these from their nests of tissue paper, we smile at the re-emergence of pleasant memories. The tree decoration with the snapshot was made by our first-born when he was in first grade (he used a photograph of himself taken by the teacher, mounted it on cardboard and made a frame of green yarn for it). The snapshot shows a small boy in a heavy snowsuit, standing against the brick wall of the school building. His expression: one of trying bravely to smile into the sun. The year he gave this to us as a gift, he stretched to hang it as high on the tree as possible so we could see it easily. Each Christmas, his stretch puts it higher on the tree: this season it will swing from a branch that brushes the ceiling.

In contrast, the little snowmen go face to face on a low bough. When the snowmen were new nine or ten years ago (they were found peeping out of the Christmas stockings), our second son toddled over to the tree and reached up to hang his right next to his older brother's. "So they can talk to each other," he explained matter-of-factly. Ever since, the two snowmen converse on a low branch (now the boys must bend low to fasten them).

During recent yuletides, I've discovered that not all our small customs have such innocent pasts. For instance, our "fig pudding candle," a certain woven mat, and our reindeer napkin holders have more history than I had suspected.

We use the reindeer napkin holders for Christmas dinner. In kindergarten our youngest son faithfully traced the pattern for these on oak-tag, cut them carefully, and, of course, colored each nose red. The reindeer faces have a rather sweet expression (how many reindeer boast a broad grin?) and our son had an equally engaging grin when he handed them to us.

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How to make good, old-fashioned eggnog the first time you try
(Use gold Puerto Rico rum and follow one of the recipes below)

If you really want to delight your friends with a Christmas eggnog, make it with rum. There's plenty of precedent. After all, this Early American merry cup started with rum. Today, the grand tradition continues—but with a notable improvement: gold or amber Puerto Rican rums. They refuse to be subdued in an eggnog. The reason: all Puerto Rican rums are distilled at high proof and aged in oak. This is the law in Puerto Rico.

Here are two great recipes for a traditional eggnog. Use the one that suits your own tempo and taste.


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Traditions are like musical phrases in an intricate symphony: they come in modestly, swell to importance, fade into oblivion, and later return, often livelier than they were before.

Some of our treasured Christmas traditions are older than Christianity. Lights, certainly, and Christmas greenery. (The Church was not at all pleased when early Christians first decked their houses for Christmas with the laurel of the Romans' Saturnalia.)

Some of our mellowest traditions are in reality young. The internationally beloved Stille Nacht was first sung less than 150 years ago. But the "first American carol," had been written all of 170 years earlier, in the language of the Huron Indians. ("Listen to the angels in the skies...Mary has borne the Great Spirit, as they foretell.")

Some traditions, fading in one land, take root and flourish in another. Today we think of the Twelfth Night "King's Cake" (see page 158) as Mexican. But it was baked in France and England, too. At times the baked-in prize was a coin instead of a babe. Or there were two prizes, a bean and a pea, as Robert Herrick explained in his seventeenth-century account of an English Twelfth Night: "Now, now the mirth comes/With the cake full of plums/Where Bean's the King of the sport here,/Beside we must know,/The Pea also/Must revell, as Queen, in the Court here."

Some of the oldest and merriest Christmas traditions, having become a bit too merry, were abolished centuries ago. Dancing in the church, usually by altar boys, although it continued long after the Middle Ages, had been banned as early as the sixth century. The endearing Feast of the Ass commemorating the Flight into Egypt eventually degenerated from a solemn church ceremony into a theatrical so hilarious that it, too, was proscribed. But we can retaste its original spirit today in the revived Play of Herod (see page 184.)

Christmas itself was banned by the Puritans of Oliver Cromwell's England (mince pie they considered one of its worst abominations), and even in New England its keeping was frowned upon until well into the last century. But as wave after wave of newcomers from Germany, Ireland, Scandinavia, French Canada, and Spanish Mexico brought their own traditions over the sea or the border, the American celebration of Christmas became more widespread, more luxuriant, more varied than that of any other country in the world.

The most treasured traditions of all, perhaps, are the ones we initiate ourselves—the hour we set for opening family presents; the special spot where we always hang the mistletoe; the privilege accorded the family's youngest of putting the first ornament on the tree. The traditions that have come down to us through the centuries, revered as they may be, are enriched and refreshed by the simple rituals with which each family embellishes what a fifteenth-century monk described as "the great myrth and melody" of Christmas.
An interview with the DUCHESS OF BEDFORD

The rich and enduring traditions of Christmas are joyously observed at Woburn Abbey on Christmas Eve when the dining room glows with all the remembered delights of candles and tinsel, holly and red ribbon, presents, Christmas trees, and a crèche. The home of the Dukes of Bedford, Woburn Abbey is one of England’s finest houses, and contains a magnificent art collection, including the biggest and best assemblage of Canaletto paintings in the world. House and grounds are open to the public all year. Their size and splendor are hard to exaggerate — so are the vitality and charm of the Duke and Duchess.

"First of all," the Duchess told House & Garden, "people don't really understand a place like this. It is so hard for them to remember that this is a private house. It is our home. Christmas is a madhouse here. It takes tremendous organization. I have seven children, my husband, and two daughters-in-law. (Continued)
They each have a big present, something they want or need. Then they have—oh, twenty or more little presents for fun. I go to idiotic lengths with presents. You simply can’t shop at Christmas, so I buy my presents all year-round. I have a great big cupboard which slowly fills up. Whenever I see anything I adore, I buy it for Christmas. Sometimes it is difficult to give things away.

“Four or five days before Christmas I start wrapping. My maid helps. She is marvelous with ribbons and bows. And the children help, too, wrapping each other’s presents. They try and bribe each other to tell what they are going to get. Besides the children we always have other members of the family and a few strangers—people who have to spend Christmas away from their own countries. All these people have to have presents. Then there are the staff. They have their own Christmas tree, and I try to get each of them something personal.

“The decorations have to be started about three days before. It is easier for us in some ways than it is for most people; we have a full-time carpenter and electrician. Still I have to design and supervise everything. The crib we did last year I sketched out on paper, measurements and everything, but when it was done, it was far too neat and boxlike. So I fetched twigs and bark. We plaited twigs to cover the roof and nailed bark to the sides until none of the plywood was showing. Then I cut the piece of red glass that you see at the back into the shape of a star. For windows on each side I took kitchen foil and covered it with thin tracing paper, and put them in frames of plaited twigs. The rocks in the front are quartz and amethyst. I found them in a jeweler’s store in Hatton Garden [London’s main gem market] where they looked at me as though I were a nut—well, I guess I am.

The figures, of course, are the best part. You would never believe they are made of bread. They come from Ecuador. A friend there got them for me. The colors are beautiful, and the decoration is exquisite. The year before we had Mexican figures. I try to do a different thing every year. Afterwards I give them to the vicar for the church.

“I made the cross on top with things from Woolworth’s. I got their tiny colored lights, and the little birds they sell, and put them all together, sticking them at the back with Scotch tape. On each side of the crib is a Christmas tree. Under and around the crib we put most of the presents. Others have to go on the sideboards which we decorate quite simply with holly, tied with red bows, in the silver ice buckets. The center of the table is a bed of holly, tied with red and gold ribbons. I bury crackers [snappers in the United States] in it, and cut the ends that stick out in the shape of flowers. The only light is candles: fifty-six of them.

“The program for Christmas really starts at about six o’clock on Christmas Eve. The children from the village come in and ring hand-bells, playing carols. We give them refreshments. Then the choir comes and we have carols in the West Hall, with big log fires, and more refreshments. At eight o’clock the party in the house goes upstairs to change, and about nine-thirty we meet in the drawing room for champagne before dinner.”

For the Duchess’ dinner menu see the Holiday Party Cook Book, page 192.
H&G's special collection of candy ornaments include some you can buy and some you can make yourself.

Candy has a wealth of happy connotations for us: holiday, party, treat, reward, luxury. Who does not remember from childhood the very special excitement stirred by candy canes, ribbon candy, the rock candy mountain? To decorate your house this Christmas, H&G has created a marvelous collection of ornaments inspired by the old-fashioned candies everybody loves. And to top them off, we have designed whimsical objets d'art of real candy which you can put together yourself. Two types of baubles make up the ornament collection. One is a sheet of flexible vinyl striped with ribbon candy motifs which you can use as is to cover a table, cut into smaller pieces for runners or place mats, or slice into candy-width strips to use as festoons or streamers. The other type is of rigid vinyl—separate shapes resembling, in giant scale, the mosaic candies in which the colored pattern runs clear through. Some of these rounds and polygons are large enough to use for place mats; some are small enough for coasters or, with a hole punched through and a string attached, to hang on a tree, in a window, or a chandelier. Both types are screen printed on a clear background in two color palettes—one predominantly pink and orange with touches of green, the other predominantly blue and green with touches of pink and yellow. Gay three-dimensional companions for these vinyl ornaments are the fruit, fauna, trees, and other decorative conceits we made variously with hard and soft, wrapped and unwrapped candies. On the next three pages you will see how happily the fake and the real go together—and on our cover you see how much zest a handful of old-fashioned sweets can add to the traditional Christmas wreath of fresh greenery.

Strips of H&G's ribbon candy decorations ripple down the chimney breast above a Victorian marble fireplace. On the mantelshelf twin urns hold topiary trees of perfectly edible hard candies in fruit shapes fixed by means of a heavy boiled icing to cones of Styrofoam. The glistening fish on the coffee table has a body of chocolate wrapped in foil, rests on a bed of rock candy. Our candy-patterned rounds of vinyl add Christmas color to the serving trays. Interior design by Rex Frey of Lord & Taylor.
SWEET CONCEITS

1 Candy obelisks star for the holidays in a tabletop composition. Styrofoam forms are covered with boiled icing, then paved with real candy easily removable by the sweet-toothed—candy stones in one case, maple sugar leaves in the other.

2 A rock-candy fountain sparkles in the center of a New Year's Eve supper table laid with place mats cut from ribbon-candy vinyl sheets. Fountain consists of a large Styrofoam cone pierced with rock candy swizzle sticks and filled out with rock candy ropes and nuggets. Under the crystal compote, a mirror edged with more nuggets doubles the fountain's shimmer.

3 Real ribbon candy piled in three stacked compotes at one end of a party buffet glistens in the light of candles protected by hurricane chimneys around which are taped pieces of ribbon-candy vinyl. A festive chandelier welcomes holiday guests in Mr. and Mrs. Moses Alexander Rubin's entrance hall. Individual candy-motif ornaments and ribbon-candy strips are attached with fine wire to the bowl-shaped ceiling fixture. Interior design by Galen Brand.

4 Fat little owls of paper-wrapped candies perch on a table in the Rubins' living room. The base of each bird is a large Styrofoam ball topped by a smaller one; U-shaped florist's fern pins hooked around the wrappers' twisted stems fix candies to base. In the windows, candy-motif ornaments.

5 Topiary trees of paper-wrapped candies grow on peppermint stalks in raffia flowerpots filled with candy pebbles. Styrofoam balls make the foliage bases; fern pins through wrappers anchor candies.

6 Candy basket woven of peppermint sticks and red licorice holds a mound of red, white, and pink candies to reward good children. At the window, candy-motif ornaments acquire translucency from the twinkling Italian tree lights.

7 Glass jars precisely lined, antipasto fashion, with rows and rows of candy stand on a large glass-topped coffee table laid with a runner of ribbon-candy-patterned vinyl. The capacious interiors of the large laboratory storage jars are stuffed with tissue paper.

8 A candy Christmas tree stands on a party buffet table and the dark wood gives an entirely different look to the ribbon-candy vinyl sheet that covers it. Coconut fruits and fondants make the tree; gumdrops make the taller tree on the table under the mirror. In both cases, the candies, most of them unwrapped, are speared to Styrofoam bases with toothpicks. Interior design by Rex Frey of Lord & Taylor.

For shopping information, see page 200.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY BEADLE, MAYA

HOUSE & GARDEN, DECEMBER, 1965
Another special H&G collection to bring your house into bloom for Christmas FANTASIES

A specialized and imaginative talent diverted to a new channel produced one of H&G's own collections of original Christmas decorations for 1965. We commissioned Mexican jewelry designer Humberto Arellano Garza to create for us from a traditional Mexican material—tin—a unique and captivating assembly of ornaments that would combine the exuberant gaiety of Latin-American folk art with the antique quality of tole. Eschewing the usual bright primary colors, this gifted designer used muted tones and a flat finish which, while still in keeping with Christmas, make these decorations for all seasons—and immensely adaptable: you can group them or use them individually, link many of them by means of the little decorative chains that come with them, or combine them with other ornaments or with greenery.

H&G's Mexican tole decorations fill a dining room with holiday exuberance. On the table, pineapple candleholders, large enough to hold their own with a sizable centerpiece, are supplemented by fruit decorations. Lily-studded lanterns stand on the console, and a third lantern, without a base, dangles from a pendant hooked to the curtain rod over the window. The swag ornament plus pendants and fruit decorations attached by chains embellish the garland of greens. You will find H&G's Mexican decorations at B. Altman & Co., New York; Joseph Magnin, California; Neiman-Marcus, Dallas.
You can use our gay tole doves and fruits, mirrors and pendants in dozens of different ways—to swing from light fixtures, crown doors, stand in for paintings or book ends, or give fiesta gaiety to a holiday party (see pages 158 and 159). All the hanging decorations are lightweight enough (a virtue of tin) to be supported by removable Jiffy hangers applied to the wall, and the fruits, pendants, doves, swags, and mirrors can be hitched together in multiple combinations limited only by your ingenuity.

1. A crisply contemporary light fixture transformed into a romantic chandelier by a shower of fruits and pendants hooked to the inside ring that holds the bulb socket.

2. Lighting one end of a buffet table, a lantern with tole lilies casually tucked into slots in its frame.

3. Decking a long, narrow pair of shutters, the scrolled medallion topped with a pair of doves and extended at the base with hook-on pendants, doves, and fruit.

4. Crowning a mirror, the swag supplemented by a hanging pendant and three blue-green lilies.

5. On a glass-topped coffee table, a festive cluster of dove candlesticks and a dove-and-candle centerpiece. Behind it, the three-panel screen hides an empty fireplace.


7. Brightening the setting for after-dinner coffee, a still life composed of fruit candlesticks and fruit decorations.

8. Sparkling centerpiece for a holiday supper table, three groups of fruit candlesticks and two bowls of Christmas balls on a bed of arborvitae laid on a scarlet runner.

9. Christmas replacement for a mirror over a sofa, the three-panel screen hung as if it were a painting. Fruit candlesticks liven the champagne tray; pendants and fruit are suspended from the molding of the wide doorway.

10. An overdoor (charming enough to be permanent) composed of the hanging plaque flanked by a pair of doves perched on the door frame. (For close-ups of shutters and tabletop, see 3 and 6, opposite page.)

11. On a fireplace shelf: one pineapple candlestick at each place set for a sit-on-the-floor supper; a pair of devoted doves nesting on the hearth itself; a sectional tree candelabrum hung with more doves and mirror ornaments.

12. Burst of color for Christmas Eve: on the chimney breast, a scrolled medallion hung with three long pendants and topped with a pair of doves and vivid feather-duster plumes; on the tree, more doves, more feathers (twisted into circlets) and the gifts themselves in bright wrappers. On the railing at the end of the sofa, tole fruits growing on a garland of arborvitae. Interior design of all rooms by B. Allman & Co.
Decking the house with evergreens at the time of the winter solstice is an ancient tradition—a reassuring reminder that life continues to flourish even when the soil is hard and fruitless and trees are bare. Decking the victor's head with a wreath, the laurel wreath in particular, goes back to the Romans. But the latter-day blend of these two symbols—the evergreen wreath hung on the door of the house for Christmas—appears to be a native American tradition that has now spread to all parts of the western world.

As much as we treasure tradition, however, we also delight in imaginative variation, so this year, H&G brings to the Christmas wreath a host of new ideas, some pertaining to the way it is made, some to the way it is used. Here and on the next three pages is a collection of wreaths, all created for H&G by specialists in floral design. All are wreaths you can make yourself, or have your florist make for you. Or you can adapt our designs to your own ideas. For a wreath to be made of fresh evergreens, you can shape a foundation of chicken wire, or buy a wire wreath frame from the florist, fill it with dampened moss and wrap it with polyethylene wrap. Push the stems of the evergreens through the wrap into the damp moss and they will remain green for weeks. For the base of a wreath to be made of non-perishable materials you can use the Styrofoam circles which are readily found in small and medium sizes in most parts of the country. Larger Styrofoam bases, 24 inches in diameter, are also available in kits for making wreaths of more heroic proportions.

A LUSCIOUS DELLA ROBBIA WREATH, left, makes a spectacular one-night garland for the holiday punch bowl. Flexible branches of newly cut hemlock and the stems of fresh cherries and grapes are fastened to the moss-filled wire base. The other fresh fruits are then set in place, wired wherever necessary to stabilize them. For a more permanent Della Robbia wreath, you could use artificial fruits, and to be authentically fifteenth century, you might make the wreath of laurel, either real or artificial. Designed by MacDonald Forbes.

NUTS, GRAPES, FROZEN HENS AND CHICKS, opposite page, stud the arborvitae wreath that girdles a handsome candle in Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hammer's New York living room. Starting with the greens, everything is skewered with corsage pins to a Styrofoam base wrapped first with green velvet ribbon. Miniature wreaths circling the candleholders are made on little velvet-covered Styrofoam forms, and somewhat smaller fruits and trimmings are used to achieve the miniature effect. You could make this kind of wreath with fresh materials or artificial, or combination, depending upon which is more readily available. Designed by the Guy Butler Flower Gallery. Interior designer, Renny B. Saltzman.
1 PINE-CONE CHANDELIER reminiscent of the Scandinavian Santa Lucia wreaths sheds a holiday glow of candlelight on a library table. All the makings—Styrofoam base, pine cones, and ribbons—should first be dipped or sprayed with flameproofing liquid you can get at hardware or paint stores. Use florist’s fern pins to attach the pine cones, between them tuck candle holders from the Five and Ten. If you cannot screw a stout hook into your ceiling to hold the chandelier, you could suspend it from a planted basket hanger or from the molding of a high wide doorway. Designed by Ralph Allen. Desk and decorative accessories from Doris Dessauer.

2 LIVING SUCCULENTS in a subtle range of greens and green-blues make the noble wreath that hangs in a niche in the New York living room of architects Judith and Richard Newman. The succulents will live through the holidays, can then be separated and potted. U-shaped fern pins are used to attach each of the tiny-rooted plants to well-moistened moss in a wire frame, left uncovered. Designed by Ellen Sheridan.

3 TISSUE-PAPER WREATHS in a rainbow of hues hang in Christmas-tree formation over Mr. and Mrs. Newman’s Victorian marble fireplace. The paper is cut and folded into multi-layered wedges, then threaded onto a wire and ruffled open. (For complete directions, see page 209.) The finished wreaths are so light they hang securely on straight pins driven into the brick mortar. Tissue paper by Norcross.

4 FRAGRANT WREATHS of DRIED HERBS combined with other dried materials make a festive addition to the planning corner of a kitchen. The Styrofoam base is covered with beige velvet ribbon and backed with a ruching to match. Wheat, pine cones, and seed pods help to give shape and additional dimension to the potpourri of herbs—dill, thyme, mustard, sage, bay leaves, and such. (If you can’t grow and dry your own, you can buy them in bunches from Italian or Syrian grocers.) Designed by Stephen Barany.

5 A TRIO OF EVGREEN WREATHS on the inside of a front door conveys good cheer to departing guests. The varying sizes of the circles and strong vertical of the ribbons accent the vari-sized door panels much more effectively than a single wreath, and the mixture of greens provides interesting shadings, texture, and fragrance. Designed and made by Stephen Barany.

6 NOSEGAYS OF TISSUE PAPER in glowing Mexican fiesta colors ring an entrance hall mirror, brighten the paneled wall behind. A single hoop of wire is all the base needed for these (for complete directions, see page 209), and the wreath may be hung by two nylon lines from the picture molding. Tissue paper by Norcross.

7 LOLLIPOPS, DOLLS, AND LITTLE TOYS turn glittery fake wreaths into supplements for the children’s Christmas stockings. You can make the wreaths from a kit (see page 209); the removable gift-ornaments you provide yourself. Bows by Tie-Tie. Stove and furniture from Doris Dessauer.

For shopping information, please turn to page 200.
Cookie baking in many homes is a joyous and fragrant pre-Christmas tradition. It can also be an art—a status officially recognized this year by the annual Christmas show at New York’s Museum of Contemporary Crafts. For over two years the museum’s staff has been tracking down the leads that enabled them to assemble well over a hundred decorative cookies, astonishing in their charm and variety. Some were baked to be eaten; others, often shaped in intricately carved antique wood molds, are inedible compositions designed solely to decorate or amuse. In Europe and South America, where some of the exhibits originated, cookies are part of a rich folklore, and cookie baking is an ancient folk art. The majority of the museum’s prizes, however, are the happy experiments of Americans who baked them just for fun, modeling their creations from gingerbread or sugar-cookie dough as if it were sculptor’s clay. But edible or inedible, all the cookies in the show contain a leavening of imagination which may inspire you with an irresistible urge to roll out the dough and try your own hand at this engaging art. If your results look too good to eat, you can save them for holidays to come by packing them in popcorn or paper and moth balls. Or, if they are made from non-fat dough, you can lacquer them to use as year-round ornaments.

1 “Stained glass” 12-inch cookie with hanger, made of twisted dough that forms the “leading” and sour balls or other bright-colored hard candies that fill the spaces and melt as the cookie bakes. By Ilse Johnson.
2 Big ferocious lion, 13 inches long, cut with knife from ginger dough and outlined with yellow icing. Eyes, nose, toes are chocolate. By Ford Ruthling.
3 Gingerbread cookie face, 7 inches from cap’s pompon to bottom of beard, modeled from dough by Daniel Rhodes.
4 Gothic baby in swaddling clothes, 11 inches tall, made by pressing firm dough into a wood mold at right, dusted first with cornstarch for easy removal. By Mary Walton.
5 St. Francis surrounded by tiny animals and birds under flowering trees, modeled of dough and mounted on 23½-by-20-inch board covered with paper and chicken wire. By Ruth Lanier.
6 Flower-encrusted llama, 9 by 11 inches, from Ecuador. Lacquered figures like this are cut from salt bread dough, sculptured (even petals and straps are colored dough laid on with a needle), and baked in beehive ovens for All Soul’s Day. A Vivian Burns import.
7 Sugar cookie sun face, 9 inches, with blanched and unblanched almonds, silver shot candies. By Ilse Johnson.
8 Sunflower face with petals of light dough stuck with milk on 3-inch ginger square. By Corinne Colquhoun.
9 Blue and white angel, 10½ inches tall, cut from ginger dough, decorated with confectioners’ sugar and vegetable coloring. By Ilse Johnson.
10 Angel with tulips made in 10-inch German mold and adorned with non-edible pastel water colors and narrow paper edging. By Mary Walton.
11 Crowned 18-inch Christmas cookie from antique Bavarian mold. By Herman Müller of Munich.

12 Miniature tabletop, 4 by 3 inches, its checked cloth set with dainty fork, plate, corn on the cob, roll, peas. By Corinne Colquhoun.

13 Beaming 10½-inch sun face of gingerbread dough with sugar cookie features, white sprinkle candies and silver shot. By Corinne Colquhoun.

14 Handsome highwayman from mold, 8 by 8 inches, enhanced with gay non-edible water colors. By Mary Walton.

15 Street scene with houses, people, car, button-wheeled baby carriage; 18 by 14 inches. By Ruth Lanier.

A catalogue with cookie folklore and recipes is available for $1.25 from the Museum of Contemporary Crafts, 29 West 53rd St., New York, N.Y., 10019.
SHINING SHORT CUTS
for wrapping your gifts

Even if pleating paper and tying bows is not the thing you do best, you can turn out enticingly packaged gifts with this year's array of festive containers to which you add your own personal touches of elegance or whimsey.

1 Bright and festive boxes printed with multicolored kaleidoscope motifs will accommodate a variety of hard or soft and foldable objects. To the largest box we added multicolored foil ribbon, weaving it through strategic slits in the box top. We gave a flowerlike quality to the design on the orange box by adding paper petals inserted through slits in the box top and taped to the underside. To the smallest box we glued a generous handful of faceted "jewels" from the Five and Ten. Collapsible boxes come in a set of four.

2 "Snap-wraps" shape up in seconds, welcome odd-shaped gifts, lend themselves to all kinds of bedecking. A set of four comes with tissue paper, ribbons, and tags.

3 Marbleized paper-covered boxes, sturdy enough to save for storage, take on a holiday glow when treated to paste-on gift paper ornaments. We chose golden paper sunbursts for the rectangular box, Father Christmas and a gilt snowflake for the oval, a Victorian dancing lady and gilt butterflies for the round. Boxes come in nests of the same shape—round, oval, or rectangular.

4 Long, shallow boxes, great for gloves and ties, present bright surfaces for scattered appliqués of diamonds, snowflakes, holly leaves. For extra pizzazz you might spray the motifs as we did, with silver, gold, or snow. Kit of four boxes in four colors includes gummed appliqués, tissue paper. Another kit contains three cans of fast-drying spray-on glitter.

5 A shopping bag stuffed with packages wrapped to match is an engaging and practical way to present a Christmas dinner guest (grandmother, cousin Edna, or the student nurse from Brazil) with gifts from everyone in the family. We added a binding of red tissue paper to the bag in mattress-ticking stripes, wrapped one of the gifts in red tissue, finished another with a spray of tinsel, threw in a hint of red and white tissue for good measure.

6 A cane-patterned bag bearing gifts wrapped in cane-patterned paper might be placed under the tree for a man guest. Extra touches: one package wrapped in silver foil; a home-lettered label trimmed with gold paper braid; a gold paper quill.

7 A tower of little boxes, each covered with a different Japanese paper, might enclose a series of small gifts destined for one lucky person, in which case you could bind them together with foil ribbon and top with a pre-tied bow. They come in a nest of ten.

8 Gaudy colored tins printed with fleur-de-lis paper, toys. Lined with bubble wrap paper, it comes collapsed.

9 Saucy Saratoga trunk of corrugated cardboard is sturdy enough, large enough (10 by 12 inches by 15 inches deep) for small appliances, toys. Lined with fleur-de-lis paper, it comes collapsed.

10 Gaudy colored tins printed with lacy black frame for your own handwritten labels make stout containers for candies, cookies, anything perishable. We added a pair of shiny tassels plus a tiny Christmas ball to the orange tin. We glued to the lid of the mauve tin a paper honeycomb ball (and carefully cushioned the jar of honey with protective Bubble Wrap paper), and topped the azalea tin with a Japanese paper nest of Christmas balls. On the green tin, we ringed the label space with glued-on Christmas balls, completely covered the lid with matching balls, and crowned it with a fountain—an upturned tassel, spread open, topped with a ball.
Four holiday parties to
give tradition a
new sparkle

The traditions of Christmas are uncountable, and almost any of them could spark a party. But it is the imaginative little changes and flourishes made with each repetition that keeps a tradition alive. A party based on a tried-and-true theme is the warmer, the merrier, for the addition of an unfamiliar twist, while the rituals of other times, other lands offer the prospect of parties that are both truly traditional and refreshingly new. Whether you are planning a late-evening gala for adults or an early-hour feast for three generations, you can assure its liveliness by taking a fresh tack. You might begin with a very special kind of decoration—or motif or color—and let it ordain either the menu itself or the way you present the food. You might start with one spectacular dish and proceed from there. Or you might plan your party around an activity—dancing, or music-making, or a traditional Christmas game—and let the nature of the frolic be your guide. Starting here are complete plans for four Christmas parties, each inspired by a different idea. H&G’s Christmas ornaments set the scene for two of them, and in our Holiday Party Cook Book, see page 187, you will find the menus for all four—plus ideas for their presentation.

Christmas dinner:
a candy fantasy

Candy, the delight of all ages, is the sweet-tooth theme for a family dinner party at Mr. and Mrs. Renny B. Saltzman’s. Star of the show is a spectacular centerpiece built of nothing more esoteric than a peck of candy canes, some lollipops, and an armature. The armature, in this case, is a gilt and crystal epergne, its center bowl heaped with a beautiful coxcomb of canes anchored in Styrofoam, its little flower holders filled with lollipops. More candy canes are hung like orderly coat hangers around the collar that supports the vases. Since epergnes differ, you may have to devise different ways to hang and plant your sweets, but you will have no difficulty with the little strawberry bouquets tucked into the napkins. Each consists of an egg-size piece of Styrofoam covered with paper-wrapped strawberry candies anchored by florist’s fern pins (piercing their wrappers) and sprigged with artificial leaves. Looking almost as edible, the place mats are the largest of H&G’s candy inspired collection of ornaments (see page 140), and the window plaques are a cross-section of smaller sizes. Made of infinitely sounder stuff than candy are the Richard-Ginori china, Wallace sterling, and Belgian linen by Matouk. For shopping information, turn to page 200.
Twelfth night party, north of the Rio Grande

In commemoration of the frankincense, gold, and myrrh-bearing Magi, Twelfth night in Mexico is called Día de los Reyes—the Day of the Kings. It is a gift-giving day (not much gold, but lots of toys), a party-giving day, and an inspired time (January 6) to entertain traditionally, yet differently. For a north-of-the-border party, H&G has devised a fête around the delightful decorations designed for us by Humberto Arellano Garza (see page 144), plus an extraordinary menu, and the Mexican dessert known as Rosca de Reyes—king’s cake. In this luscious concoction a tiny china figure of the Holy Infant is hidden away as a prize, and tradition has it that the finder must give a party on February 2—poetic justice in the Mexican manner. On the firelit table, above, the king’s cake is watched over by Liautaud’s sculpture in iron (La Sirene, a voodoo sea goddess) supplemented for the occasion by H&G’s pagoda-like Mexican lanterns decked with tin flowers. Lacking Sirene, you could hang the lanterns just as elegantly around a mirror or a large painting.
In the window, like a pear tree with a partridge, H&G's Mexican three-section candelabrum, hung with our Mexican dove and mirrors, sits in a bower of ferns, ivy, and cachepots planted with African-violets (a gentle change from the lordly poinsettia). On the table, our four-dove candlestick centerpiece has grown a little garden of flowers borrowed from our Mexican lanterns, opposite page. Oval pottery plates on oval stainless steel service plates make a pleasant elliptical change in tableware shapes, as do square tiles used for butter plates. Dansk stainless flatware, Fraser's service plates. For shopping information, turn to page 200.

Twelfth nighters help themselves, buffet-fashion, to Pollo Mestizo—chicken and sausages mulled in pineapple juice and white wine; guacamole, the velvety avocado dip garnished with the pits to keep the color limpidly lime, and an acre of tortillas waiting to be wrapped around two saucy stuffings, one sweet, one hot as Popocatepetl. For complete menu and recipes, see page 194.
Come Yule in Santa Barbara, Calif., friends of artist Jack Baker and his wife lie awake nights wondering which of the Bakers' handful of Christmas parties they will be bid to. Last year, a lucky sixteen came to supper after a dance and stayed until cockcrow. The lure, besides music and food, was color—swacks of it which began in the hall, left, picked up speed in the living room, above right, and ended in the dining room with four tables, each set in a different way. ("They have to be," says Mrs. Baker. "We haven't got sixteen of anything.") The great hall wreath, hung like a mobile, was made of twigs curved into a hoop and set blooming with papier-mâché flowers made by the Bakers and their children. Glorious as Solomon, the tree was hung with folding paper ornaments from India and Africa and was guarded by two trumpeting angels (one on each window valance) which were once part of the trappings of an Indian marionette theatre. The table centerpieces were local products—bowls of flowers modeled in terra cotta by Mr. Baker, then painted. Table mats, too, were Baker-made: cardboard copies of Indian fans of the kind, the Bakers say, that houris in Paradise use to swat hummingbirds. What did the dancers have for supper? See page 191.
Op art, gayest of the seven current lively arts, can make a great motif for a party, particularly one to celebrate the American Alpengschaft known as New Year's Eve. Since no New Year's Eve would be worth its salt without balloons, here they are, hung upside-down like a wonderful cluster of black and white grapes—a trick possible only because the balloons are weighed down by slipcovers. (With the help of a kit and instructions, you do the upholstery yourself, and if you prefer orange and pink or green and blue to black and white, you may have them.) Suspended on lengths of rickrack braid, the balloons make an airborne centerpiece for a black and white buffet: op art tablecloth, white china, white milk-glass goblets wearing eyelet napkins like breastpocket handkerchiefs, and food that is as close to black and white as James Beard, H&G's gastronomic mentor, could devise (see page 189 for the menu). The cubist study, top, left, is made of bread. Below it is a pot of rillettes of goose inlaid with black olives, and, left, a platter of Italian sausage called cotechino and a bowl of tapenade, an aromatic dunk of olives and anchovies for raw vegetables. For shopping information, see page 200.
“We’ve got to have a tree,” my sister told me seriously. “She said so.” “She” was the teacher at the little British-run school in the town in north-central India where we lived when my sister was about nine, and I was nearly six. “She” had been teaching us about Christmas, but I was a most inattentive student, ill-at-ease and dreamy, waiting only for the closing bell to ring and signal my release from the uncomfortably alien atmosphere of school. The stories about shepherds and mangers were altogether too remote to register very clearly in the way “she” told them, but in my sister’s version Christmas seemed a most exotic festival with all kinds of magic involved in the preparations. Normally, December was simply a bright, sunny month, very dusty (the monsoon rains wouldn’t break until mid-June), distinguished only by the fact that under the English system all schoolchildren had Christmas holidays. That year my sister and I decided to celebrate Christmas ourselves and find out why it was such a special occasion.

“She said it ought to be a fur tree,” my sister continued thoughtfully, as though she were reciting a ritual of great precision.

“A fur tree,” I repeated, very pleased with the mental image this produced. It seemed reasonable enough. After all, in a country where they had snow (which I had never seen, although I knew it was cold and white and fell from the clouds), they might well have fur trees to survive such a barbaric climate.

“And then we have to put lights and things on it.”

“What things?”

“Oh, all different things. Decorations.”

Weell—trees, in general, were no particular problem. We had quite a large garden with plenty of shade trees near the house, a small grove of eucalyptus with beautiful, silvery leaves and a sharp, clean smell, which grew along a narrow brook, totally dry at that time of year. There were mangoes, guavas, and bananas in the orchard, and we examined them all diligently, but none of them, my sister assured me, looked at all like the Christmas trees she had seen in the pictures her class had been shown. Accordingly, we went in search of the gardener and presented our problem to him. He was a cantankerous old man, an excellent gardener in the tradition of his family, and like them, had never traveled beyond the Indian plains. He looked at us as if we were lost our wits. “You want a what?” he asked.

My sister described a Christmas tree as best she could. It should have short needles, not leaves. It should be sort of cone-shaped. It shouldn’t have any flowers. He shook his head unbelievingly. He didn’t know of any such tree. However, we could look around the part of the garden where he nurtured the more delicate shrubs and flowers and where he usually didn’t let us run about or play ball. If we did find anything approaching my sister’s description, he would like to see it. Just watch out for snakes, that’s all.

As an afterthought, he asked, “What do you want the tree for?”

“We want to cut it down and take it inside.”

“Inside the house? A tree inside the house?”


Clearly he didn’t understand, but he made no attempt to probe this baffling foreign eccentricity. All he did was give us a lecture about whatever kind of tree we found we shouldn’t think we had his permission to cut it down, after all the trouble he took to keep the garden green and shady, we came along wanting to cut down his trees and ruin his work, and did we know how long it took to grow a tree and on and on. We knew he meant what he said, but went ahead enthusiastically with our tree-hunt, anyway.

Late that morning, our determination to have a Christmas tree undiminished, but having exhausted all other possibilities, we compromised on something between a tree and a bush that we thought would have to do. It must, I think, have been some kind of a tam-arisk; anyway, it had clusters of exceedingly narrow, feathery leaves on slender, grayish branches. It was rather too round in shape and a bit bedraggled, but we felt that it had the advantage of a good location. It was on the edge of our garden, next to the road, and while this made it rather dustier than some of the other trees, still, since we weren’t allowed to cut it down, at least we could share it with passers-by, and that was how a festival should be.

Our next complication was one of decorations, and that, in turn, called for some ingenuity. Of course, Christmas ornaments weren’t sold in the shops of the town, and we didn’t know anyone who might have some of his own. In India, on festive occasions, you illuminate your house with rows of tiny oil lamps—just cotton wicks in earthenware bowls of oil—set along window sills and outlining the edge of the roof. These were obviously impractical for our tree. On the floors of the rooms and on the threshold of the house, on religious holidays, you make intricate, formal designs with colored powders to welcome visitors and bless the house. A Christmas tree, however, presented a different sort of decorative challenge.

Indians use tinsel a great deal—woven into the garlands that a bride and groom exchange during a wedding service, or mixed in with the flowers of a devotional offering in a shrine—but to us it didn’t seem entirely appropriate for our tree. We connected it too strongly with the glittering silver and gold ribbons my grandmother used to hang, like necklaces, around the pictures of Hindu deities.
in the midday SUN

BY SANTHA RAMA RAU

in her house. Equally, flowers, which she placed along with fruit, coconut, and rice, in front of the image in her prayer room, seemed to belong too definitively to Hindu ceremonies. I associated the golden marigolds, which grew all year-round, with the faint, smoky smell of incense and the light sound of her voice singing the morning hymns. It didn’t seem quite right to mix up religious customs and use Hindu decorations on a Christmas tree. So, tinsel and flowers were, in our figuring, out.

Ultimately, we settled on balloons for our ornaments. Usually we had balloons only at birthday parties, and that seemed to us most correct both in style and feeling. Christmas is, indeed, a birthday, and balloons, we knew, would be easy to find. There was always a man selling them on the outskirts of the bazaar. This involved us in a brief excursion to the center of town. The toy shop was an open-fronted, tin-roofed shack, surrounded by dozens of similar stalls selling cotton saris, sandals, fruit, vegetables, glass bangles—every necessary for ordinary day-to-day living. On other visits to the bazaar we were always captivated by the brightly painted wooden elephants, tigers, and buffaloes, the piles of basketwork rattles, miniature carts, hobbyhorses, the kites, windmills, and the tiny birds that pecked when you pulled a string. That day we concentrated on the man crouched on the road in the shade of the toy shack, holding great bouquets of his dancing bubbles.

For the first and only time in my life, we bought one entire, marvelous bunch of balloons and with hysterical exhilaration, we managed to push our unruly purchase into the family car. Almost helpless with laughter and anxiety, we wriggled about keeping the balloons from floating out of the windows into the growing heat of the day. Our harrassed chauffeur drove as if there were some kind of animal of uncertain temper in the seat behind him. Ducking frequently to avoid the balloons bumping gently against the back of his head (to the intense amusement and interest of the bazaar crowd) he steered the car carefully away, and took us home at not much more than a walking pace.

By lunch time we thought we had done a pretty creditable job of tying the many-colored balloons on our tree, with an amber one shining and almost golden at the very top. The little tamarisk was bouncing with them, and in the brilliant Indian sunlight looked, anyway, different and cheerful if not precisely Christmas-y. We rushed into the house to call our mother out to see our splendid achievement. Triumphant, we summoned all the servants. Even the gardeners and his wife and children gathered at the tree, caught in curiosity about this unprecedented departure from the usual household routine. By then they all knew that our activity had something to do with school, but weren’t. I suppose, quite sure whether it was some mysterious sort of homework, and therefore worthy of respect, or just a childish prank—a silly waste of time, effort, and balloons.

People walking by on the street outside stopped to stare—barefoot villagers coming back from market, office-workers in loose white shirts, carrying huge black umbrellas, on their way home to lunch, the usual groups of ragged, half-naked children. A couple of women in pink and purple saris halted their horse-drawn carriage to look at our tree. I dare say it made quite a remarkable sight, that undistinguished bush suddenly alive with inexplicably jolly balloons in the blazing midday of an ordinary Indian town.

Everyone gazed in astonished silence for a while, unable to decide whether it was a moment for congratulations or alarm. My sister and I had expected a more enthusiastic response. I had hoped that when we had completed the prescribed ritual for decorating a Christmas tree, something splendid and thrilling would happen. I was beginning to feel a bit disappointed with so tame an ending to our energetic morning’s work.

Then it happened—with a noise that made us all gasp with surprise. In the burning intensity of the sun, one by one, our balloons burst. The first one, my favorite amber, popped with a startling report like a pistol shot. Then another. And another. I waited breathlessly, giddily guessing in my head which would go next. Bang followed bang at quick, irregular intervals until, a few minutes later, only dozens of pathetically limp fragments of dead rubber were left on the tree.

I think my mother was somewhat concerned that we might be bitterly disheartened by the fiasco our brave experiment turned out to be, but I, at least, was delighted by the way our Christmas tree had lived up to its promise of excitement. I can still remember the entranced faces of the servants’ children and the kids on the road as balloon after balloon exploded with such a satisfactory and wildly festive noise, and the equally festive and satisfied squeals that accompanied each explosion. I still think that, for totally unforeseen reasons, it captured much of the wonder and gaiety of Christmas—and, with perfect timing, the kind of magic I had hoped for.

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H&G plans two fern windows
Fernery has all the happy connotations of the word greenery and a few more besides. Fernery is itself an almost onomatopoetic term, calling to mind, if not remembered sounds, at least visual intimations of greenness, coolness, delicacy, and the utmost grace. Ferns are good garden plants, as enthusiasts who make a specialty of rock, bog, and wild plantings know. They are also, in simply enormous variety, fine plants for growing indoors. The plants and the arrangements for two bay windows on these two pages and the following were planned by H&G with the collaboration of James Fanning. Alfred Byrd Graf of Julius Roehrs Company advised on the selection of varieties. In each of our imaginary windows, the pots are set in a shallow tray of waterproof plywood partially filled with vermiculite and river-washed pebbles in order to maintain the humidity that is a vital need of almost all ferns.
Ferns are among the world's oldest plants and, with the mosses, once dominated the open land spaces. Many ferns continue to play a great variety of parts in gardens and indoor plant arrangements as well as in their native mountains, fields, and bogs. They are as conspicuously beautiful, dainty, or spectacular today as they were all those millennia ago. Not all the modern counterparts are easily come by in the florist shops, but a commercial greenhouse of any pretensions will carry most of the commonest or most durable varieties, opposite page. Many of the rarer and more notably exotic types can also be found, if you are willing to seek them out. Some of both are combined in our window tray, above. These might be called, for want of a more precise term, the "ferny" ferns, since all but one or two (such as the great shield of the staghorn fern at far left) display the most feathery foliage of the whole realm of spore plants. Some have roots as unusual, if not as beautiful, as the fronds. At least one, the tree fern, _cibotium menziesii_, could become a great tree. For more about ferns, see Gardener's Month, page 212.
Nephrolepis exaltata 'Bostoniensis'

Asparagus plumosus

Asparagus sprengeri

Pteris cretica 'Wimsettii'

Cyrtomium falcatum 'Rochfordianum'

Asplenium nidus

Pellaea rotundifolia

Recirculating fountain from Lotus-Clary-Stern Co.
Where spring lives all year

A refreshing example of the rare house that can brook the four seasons yet always be “on” is Mr. and Mrs. George L. Coleman’s in Palm Beach, Fla. Two factors account for its year-round ebullience: the way it is furnished and decorated and the way it is lived in. A very good example of the English Regency style in architecture, the house was purchased by the Colemans about seven years ago along with a certain amount of furniture—far from enough, some of it interesting, none of it antique. The question that the Colemans passed along to their interior designers, McMillen, Inc., was how to use the “found” furniture, what to add, and how to wrap up the mixture in an ambiance that would spell permanent springtime.

Except for glassing in a huge porch (and turning it into the most used room in the house), no major architectural changes were made. But with infinite patience and searching, one fine antique after another was hunted down until the house was completely furnished with English, French, Chinese, and contemporary pieces, all in enormous rapport against a Regency background. The mood of a twelve-month spring was maneuvered with great sweeps of white, lots of green and yellow, and, in some rooms, with quasi flower beds of bright floral prints.

Yet in no sense does the house look tropical. It would seem as natural in Maine or Michigan as it is in Florida. And the Colemans live in it the year-round, leaving only when the summer’s heat drives them north in their boat or winter snows lure them north to ski (both are as ardent as Olympians). They love music and have piped their hi-fi through the whole house. Mrs. Coleman is a gifted gardener and keeps every room loaded with greenery and, when she can manage it, her favorite flowers—orchids and lilies. She is also a gifted hostess, and makes a point of never serving meals to her house guests in the same spot twice in a day. Six to eight people can lunch or dine in the loggia (the old porch), and twenty can sit down to dinner in the dining room. A really big party begins with drinks on the seaside terrace, then flows through the dining room into the loggia, out onto an upper terrace, and down to a third beside the swimming pool. As an old friend and perennially delighted guest remarked, it is a house that, for obvious reasons, should be called “Infinite Variety.”

The loggia is verdant with foliage, man’s and nature’s

In the loggia, left and opposite page, the use of black and white plus green and a bit of yellow does much to make odd bedfellows seem not odd at all. Antiques and contemporary pieces sit side by side without a sign of disparity. Unifying, calming white walls, floor, upholstery, and fern-patterned curtains are the catalysts, cool companions for the vivid rat-a-tat of zebra rugs, black lacquer, and two marvelous sofa cushions—pancy beds captured in chintz. The louvered doors at the end of the room screen a bar. Beyond the paneled door lies the kitchen.
The living room, although more formal than the loggia, is no less vernal. All of the upholstered furniture came with the house, and all of it was promptly re-covered in a lament Fortuny print—a sophisticated background for Siamese silk pillows the color of a tiny new fern. The antiques, mostly tables, are set in strategic spots—none more serviceably than two black lacquer Chinese tabolets used to serve a pair of facing sofas, in lieu of the usual cocktail table. Painting over the mantel is a Cavaille, the one over the console, a Bardone.

In the dining room, the golds of the living room are echoed by the Italian cotton curtains, deepened in the suede-covered chairs, and augmented with bits of brown in a new rug woven in Spain. In this room, too, diverse styles of furniture are paired with aplomb. The chairs and lacquered table with its beautiful brass pedestals are French and contemporary. French, too, but centuries older are the Régence console and mirror, gilded to a fare-thee-well. Oldest of all, and cool as a piece of ivory amid all this dazzling sunniness, is the dragon-bordered screen of ancient lacquer.

Living and dining rooms are lit with jonquil yellows.
In the guest bedroom, tulips nod, butterflies dance

In the guest bedroom, two enchanting fabrics put a clutch of “found” furniture (perfectly good, not very exciting) right on cloud nine. Windows and beds prove that no flower is as fresh as a tulip—especially a bouquet printed in a primavera gamut of pink, yellow, and deep rose on a white background. On an armchair and the chaise longue, rows of pale yellow butterflies are outlined in stitching. Everything is here to delight and comfort a guest: a deep-piled Spanish rug woven as a blessing to bare feet—even a hair dryer and a closet shelf full of amusing straw sun hats to wear to the pool.
To win at chess is not easy for a rank amateur, but to make this winning chess set is surprisingly simple, even for a child. All you need is a collection of empty spools of different shapes and sizes; a variety of unpainted wood drawer pulls such as you can buy at lumber or hardware stores (wood buttons might be substituted); and four wood spoons rescued from coffee containers to serve as shields for the knights. You stack the spools and the drawer pulls—turning some up, some down, to create a distinctive shape for each type of piece—and glue them together with Liquitex gel medium glue which you can get at an art supply store. Then you paint each team—king, queen, two bishops, two rooks, two knights, eight pawns—with Liquitex artists' colors in a distinctive pattern. To make a board with a storage compartment for the men you will need two sheets of ½-inch plywood, 24 inches square, and two deep-scoop picture frames to fit them. (Or you can make your own frames: for each one, join four mitered lengths of picture molding, 24 inches on the inside, with tiny picture nails.) Mark off one board into 3-inch squares. Paint alternate squares black; color the others with red Crayola crayon and buff hard for permanence. Rub the frames and bottom board with red Crayola crayon, and buff. Glue chessboard, right side out, to the back of one frame; plain plywood to the back of the other. Join the frames with a hinge on one side and a clasp on the opposite side. Line the box with felt. You can make a family project of collecting spools from relatives and friends, but if you despair of saving enough fast enough (we used 74 spools, 62 pulls), you can order H&G's spool assortment from Austen Display, Inc. For shopping information, turn to page 200.

THIS PAGE: The six distinctive figures from the black and white army, each paired with its spool and drawer-pull components. Above the king and queen, chessboard-box made from picture frames and plywood.

OPPOSITE PAGE: The dramatically large scale of H&G's chessmen (kings are 8½ inches tall) makes the game more exciting for children, and provides grown-ups with a decorative splash for a tabletop. As created by the Studio of Binney and Smith, one king and his company are uniformed in black and white checks, the others in red and black stripes.
4. Part of Miss O'Keeffe's stone collection spread out on stone table outside studio.
5. Dining table of natural fir plywood highly waxed, accompanied by a prized pair of old armchairs.
6. More rocks on adobe ledge at one end of living room; hearth fire laid vertically. New Mexico style.
7. Georgia O'Keeffe—straightforward, friendly, very feminine.
8. Living room with floor of "mud" (hard natural adobe, periodically renewed and hand-smoothed by Indian women); adobe hassocks flanking coffee table; adobe shelf—part table, part sofa and chair base—along one wall. Window was recently enlarged for better view of favorite cottonwood tree. On left wall, a large O'Keeffe: cloud formations seen from the air. 9. Small door cut into larger double door leading to covered passage and courtyard.
10. Casual arrangement of driftwood and rocks on living room coffee table. Sofa cushions covered with bandannas from Five and Ten.
1. Like a tree house, the new living room wing is perched in the air, its deck completely surrounding the trunk of a noble willow. Open space below is partly paved with tile; smaller masonry pier, actually a chimney, contains a fireplace where the Shahns cook supper in summer.

2. Ben Shahn relaxes at luncheon table comfortably placed by a sunny window.

3. Dining room is a genial blend of eating room, library, art gallery. Nakashima made the chairs and the spindle-backed slice-of-a-tree-trunk bench-table. Mr. Shahn himself made the dining table near which stands unusually fine Siamese Buddha.

4. Against a few square feet of dining room wall is displayed a typically wide-ranging group of prints and sculpture including a Leonard Baskin print, a Daumier, a Roman head, a Portuguese sanfo, a Rembrandt etching, and a small Kears sculpture.

For over twenty-five years, painter Ben Shahn and his artist-writer wife, Bernarda Bryson, have lived in a modest one-story stucco house in Roosevelt, a general-store town in rural New Jersey. Here they have worked at their separate professions (Mrs. Shahn's special interest is art history), brought up five children, three of whom are now artists themselves, and assembled an extraordinary collection of antique sculpture as well as drawings, prints, paintings. The house is part of a village built during the Thirties for a group of garment workers. Mr. Shahn had designed the mural for the community's schoolhouse, was taken with the place, and a few years later, when outsiders were admitted, decided to move there. Since then, the little house has been ex-
The living room is a warm study in natural woods and natural textures against backdrops of treetop greenery. Lined up on the ledge that runs the length of the room is a mixed company of antique sculpture and reproductions, some pieces mounted on polished blocks of wood, some set on thick straw mats. In another corner, drawings, oils, water colors, masks, artifacts of all shapes and sizes have been deftly integrated into a single composition.

In the studio, a whole wall of varied storage surrounds a wide window, goes straight across its lower half. Living room fireplace and chimney breast is a masterpiece of craftsmanship—each stone specially selected and laid according to a pre-designed pattern, the metal hood gently slanted back to the masonry.

On glass shelves spanning a studio window, jars of pure pigment glow in the light.

The deep interest in “the state of man” that illumines Shahn’s work glows, too, in his personal background. Casual, comfortable, much-lived-in, the house clearly reflects the tastes of art-loving, book-loving people. The Shahns insist, however, that the furnishings and arrangement of their rooms were wholly fortuitous. But, intentionally or not, the house also reflects a facet of Mr. Shahn’s talent that is especially marked in his drawings and illustrations: his sense of the ornamental. The wealth of beautifully grained wood, the play of natural textures, the choice of furniture (including many superbly handcrafted pieces by Nakashima), and above all the beautifully composed arrangements of pictures, sculpture and even working materials—all reveal the artist’s special sensitivity to the details of his immediate environment.
Across one corner of the purple-walled living room stands a screenlike Nevelson sculpture. On the floor below the window, a collection of unstrung violin bows in an American Indian basket. Sitting at her glass dining table, Mrs. Nevelson chats with a guest. Sculpture behind her is sprayed gold, smaller ones on table with matte black. Against a wall of exposed brick are African carvings and artifacts, and a shelf of American Indian pottery.

Hall between the living room and dining room is lined with another sculpture.

An unforgettable vital and serious woman, Louise Nevelson lives in a Kafka-like fortress dedicated to her work. Visitors to the old-fashioned five-story house near New York's Chinatown are admitted through a grilled door, and their ascent up the stairs is a dramatic preparation for the impact of the rooms above. On the landings are enormous pieces of the artist's sculpture: compositions of found objects of wood (chair legs, finials, moldings, "a few pieces of De Kooning's house"), mounted in boxlike frames, usually stacked to form walls.

On the third floor where the artist receives callers, the furniture consists of a dining table and chairs, a Chinese cabinet, a wooden armchair, three big floor cushions, for through the years Mrs. Nevelson has eliminated everything that seemed to her unnecessary or extraneous. But everywhere, against the walls and on the floors, stand her sculpture and cases of her prints. Louise Nevelson's personal background is her art.
1. Over the fireplace, from a blue-painted cord, hangs a single picture, a Morandi pencil sketch. As precisely placed against the tall chimney breast as any element in a Stamos painting, it leads the eye inevitably to the group of small-to-tiny sculpture at the end of the otherwise bare mantel. 2. Mr. Stamos sits with his back to a short wall covered with his favorite prints and drawings. Built-in window shutters are painted vivid yellow. 3. Two Stamos paintings dominate a corner furnished with treasures of wildly diverse provenance: a Majorelle Art Nouveau lamp, a signed Majorelle table, Belter chairs, an early Mies van der Rohe table, Bokhara saddlebags stuffed to make floor cushions.

No Greek can avoid blue, yellow, and white, explains Stamos. The tricolor palette predominant in the work of this painter, who was born in New York of Greek parents, is predominant also in his personal environment. You first come across the blue on the front door of his gray-painted brick Victorian house on a quiet side street west of New York’s Central Park. You meet it again in his white-walled living room, accompanied by accents of yellow. And here you recognize other qualities that distinguish the painter’s work—his economy of means, the elimination of everything not truly important. Nothing has been allowed to obscure the room’s handsome architectural details: generously scaled moldings, a beautiful parquet floor with a marquetry ribbon border. The furnishings are sparse, but each of them is a collector’s piece, and the deftness with which they are arranged produces a unified look.
1. Alfonso Ossorio sits among a profusion of wicker furniture, birds in cages, plants, and hanging baskets in the small tropical sitting room he calls the birdboom. Over his head, one of his panels that resemble three-dimensional mosaics is carefully hung to catch the light. 2. His white-walled, white-curtained bedroom is austere: furnished, its only color the Oriental rugs and the bright Early American throw on the bed. On the bookshelf headboard is a group of New Mexican santos, and under the glass bell, a Philippine ivory figure of the Virgin with real hair and a cloak of richly embroidered satin. 3. Through iron railing of a second-floor balcony at the back of the house, you can look down on the railed terrace on top of the boathouse. 4. The guest room windows are hung with silk curtains gathered, in eighteenth-century French style, into balloon-like tiers, tied with cord and tassel, stuffed with paper.

The large tile-roofed, mullion-windowed villa where Alfonso Ossorio lives on the edge of Georgica Pond in East Hampton, Long Island is called “The Creeks.” Built at the turn-of-the-century for muralist Albert Herter, it astonishes arriving visitors with such Edwardian flourishes as an entrance pergola thick with climbing roses and polychromed in the Greek style, a fountain set in a concrete-basin embellished with painted motifs. But these give only a hint of the opulence within. Ossorio’s art is assemblage—panels dancing with colors, textures, translucent, opaque, the components themselves fascinatingly complex, the total effect one of extraordinary richness. His house expresses a passion for accumulation, an exuberance of detail. An expert would spend months cataloguing the contents: an exceptionally fine collection of paintings by Dubuffet, another collection of Jackson Pollocks, and, in addition, Oriental rugs, a Pleyel piano and other antique musical instruments, Spanish ironwork, Victorian furniture, antique portières, old crystal, Hindu bronzes, New Mexican santos, Rose Medallion china, Philippine craftwork. The arrangements change constantly, for this is no static museum. But each object, large or small, is so carefully placed that the nervous clutter such a diversity of treasures might be expected to produce is nowhere to be found.
1. On another wall of the Bird room, an early Ossorio. 2. On studio wall, the artist's "palette," an orderly array of artifacts to be used in his panels. 3. More palettes: a bowl of stock-pot bones, bundles of glass dolls' eyes. 4. Over the gray carpet in almost every room, a steady parade of Oriental rugs. Screening light fixture in hall, a wire sculpture by Claire Falkenstein. 5. As you come in front door: flowers piled on ledge below an Ossorio. 6. In dining room, a Regency walnut credenza with mirrored doors; on table, an old American glass compote, an eighteenth-century Portuguese vermeil rooster. 7. Against dining room wall, two nineteenth-century teakwood chairs from the Philippines. 8. In music room, a diversified mélange: American Empire sofa, peel chairs, tatami-topped table, handsome Waterford crystal compotes.
Music and Christmas. Christmas and music. The connection is inextricable. The ear of the heart listens at this time of year, much as the mind’s eye turns toward snow, fir, Magi, and manger. To hear Christmas hymns out of season is jarring, yet the first carol of this month instantly puts a catch in your breath. Perhaps our childhood—adult life they say, only repeats memories—determines this tenacious association of music and Christmastide. Almost any of us can whistle something from *The Messiah*, and people who are musically soundless for the rest of the year will join at some point these days in “Joy to the World” or its equivalent. Yes, Christmas and music go together like a reindeer and sleigh.

No music in Christendom today more aptly celebrates or more splendidly evokes the spirit of Christ and his season than those two medieval jewels—*The Play of Daniel* and *The Play of Herod*. These are masterpieces of ancient beauty—in story, in action, in the music of song, chorus, and instruments. They are operas of sorts, crude, primitive, even inchoate, for they are the very beginning of our Western music as we know it. Yet their original profundity of soul and manner resounds and endures in today’s performances by the singers, actors, and instrumentalists of New York Pro Musica, that distinguished organization of a dozen artists directed by Dr. Noah Greenberg.

The Middle Ages, usually reckoned from the end of the old empire of Rome in the fifth century to the discovery of the New World in the fifteenth, were a dark period in history. For all that, three forms of drama with integrated and abundant music inched into light—the mystery, the miracle, and the morality plays. Oldest of these are the mysteries, and they are still extant in fragmentary texts and vague but reconstructible music. At a later date, these drama forms employed the spoken language of the people and dealt with heroes and villains of thoroughly mortal flesh. But during the Middle Ages the mysteries were acted and sung in Latin, a language incomprehensible to all but the learned. The stories were all Biblical, and the venue was the Church itself.

The word “mystery” meant a religious service, and not something “unknowable” as it means now. The Church’s central concern then as now was to keep faith aflame in the hearts of the people. The means of propagating Christianity or, as one medieval document gracelessly puts it, “fortifying the faith of the unlettered vulgar,” was to imprint the Bible’s inspiration indelibly on the minds of men and at the same time to delight them. Church music-dramas were the happy solution, and one of their most favored stories, rendering clear the highest holy message, was the birth of Christ Himself. Few events have been recited, retold, and re-enacted throughout history with more vigorous emotional and esthetic acclamation.

Monks, priests, clerics, nuns worked within their monasteries and convents composing these artistic texts and accompanying music. For them, this was an act of piety, and so were the performances. Even personages of bishop rank participated. The Gothic cathedrals all over Europe opened their portals at festival times, notably Christmas, to costumed singers and musicians who trooped down the naves and across the transepts acting out the Sacred Word. Performing Members of New York Pro Musica in the adoration scene from *The Play of Herod* presented in the Spanish Fuensaldaña Chapel at The Cloisters.

COURTESY OF METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART
the church was a stage evoke for us today the universal spirit of Christmas

BY FAUBION BOWERS

Sir Ass, oh heigh!

ances started at "matins," the night office of the most leisurely hours: midnight to dawn. The office ended with a Te Deum, a celebration choral praise which connectively concluded the night and began the religious day.

While most Christmas texts dealt with the Birth of Christ, the repertory included and emphasized any incident applicable to the spirit of Christmas. There was, of course, the coming of the Magi, the dramatic interrogation of the shepherds by the midwives at the manger. "Whom seek ye in the crib, shepherds speak?" they demand in the famous Quem quaeritis scene of Herod. Eventually a host of plays arose around the prophets who antedated Christ, but had pre-dicted his coming. Daniel, Isaiah, Moses, Habakkuk, and their like had all made statements pertinent to Christmas. According to the ancient Jewish Law, which spilled over into the Christian Church, only two witnesses were required to "establish truth." As deponents, the prophets' testimonies were essential. The profusion of prophet plays at Christmastime rose from the demand of medieval audiences for more fare, both religious and theatrical.

The version of The Play of Herod used by Pro Musica was written in the eleventh century. Their Play of Daniel is slightly more recent; it dates from 1150 A.D., while the actual manuscript Dr. Greenberg and his scholarly associates labored from is still more modern—1230 A.D. Both plays are French, although this fact is due largely to the accident of textual preservation. Their provenance is on the banks of the Loire River—the network of cathedrals, rectories, and religious domiciles of Fleury, now known as St. Benoît, and Beauvais, whose castle and cathedral still stand.

The Play of Daniel tells the story of the handwriting on the wall forecasting the downfall of Belsazar's kingdom and the triumph of Darius the Persian. Daniel is punished, as everyone has heard, in the lions' den, but he is invincible and becomes, as reward, favorite of the king. The play belongs to Christmas specifically because Daniel's last lines are the prophecy of Christ: "Behold, the holy one comes," the contrarnewho plays the role of Daniel sings; "the most holy of the holy... The end of the kingdom of the Jew and its suppression is at hand." An angel appears in the choir loft and vouchers for Daniel's prescience, again in song, "Christ is born... just as the prophet foretold."

The Play of Herod is contemporaneous in action with Christ's birth and based on the New Testament. The opening grand procession praises the beast of burden who brings the gifts of the Three Wise Men—red gold from Arabia, frankincense and myrrh from Sheba—and alludes to Mary and Joseph who arrived in Bethlehem riding him:

Out from the lands of the Orient was the ass divinely sent; Strong and fair was he, bearing burdens gallantly, Heigh, Sir Ass, oh heigh!

The guiding star is a candelabrum pulled by ropes as it travels across the church ceiling finally to settle and hover over the altar. The scene then shifts to the center of the drama, Herod's court. The king is furious to hear of the birth of one greater than he. He throws down to earth the Book of Prophecies. Stylized and static as so archaic a drama form is bound to be, the play is full of high theatrics: Herod's evil is described in sinister drumbeats; his voice is a distressingly low bass. At last he spitefully commands the Slaying of the Innocents. In order to be certain of destroying the Child, all male children in the land are to die. The mother Rachel sings her lament—a solo symbolic of the grief of all bereft mothers. She is comforted by the Consoling Women (played by the same countertenors who first appeared as the Shepherds). Then the children are slain. But lo! They ascend to Heaven. "Suffer little children unto me..." Herod dies in a paroxysm of guilt. The Holy Family returns safely to Bethlehem.

Daniel, as the text shows, is basically a happy play. He skillfully triumphs over adversity. Herod is tragedy. The children are killed and Herod is a villain without mitigation. Such is the diversity within the music and religion of the Middle Ages as expressed in their Christmas theatre. Both mystery plays are marvelously recorded on Decca Records (Daniel: DL 9402, Stereo DL 79402; and Herod; DXA 137, Stereo DXSA 13157), and this year, for the first time, The Play of Daniel will be televised on Christmas Eve over all the stations of the National Educational Television network. When you hear the music, your faith may not be fortified as much as your esthetic vision will be. Almost certainly you will be moved to the mystic awe which must have touched the people who created this music and those who made up its early audiences.

The Pro Musica first performed The Play of Daniel in 1953. Its revival came about as the result of a chance remark made by Margaret Freeman, then curator of The Cloisters, that charming reconstruction of a French monastery on the banks of the Hudson which is an integral part of New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. "Let's do something beautifully, here," she said to Dr. Greenberg. After a few hesitant tryouts in concerts and the expenditure of thousands of dollars (the costumes are lavish and the present polished and spec-tacular version of Daniel was given on the echoing stones of The Cloisters—the entrances and exits hailed by Romanesque arches, the footsteps and backgrounds softened by the green of vines and grass. Four years later, in 1962, the more pageantlike and extensive Herod was offered there, too. This year at Saint George's Episcopal Church in New York City Herod will be performed on December 28, 29, and 30. Daniel will be presented at the same place on January 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6. Next year, however, during (Continued on page 220)

ANCIENT INSTRUMENTS USED IN THE PLAY OF DANIEL INCLUDE: SAXOS, PORTATIVE ORGAN, HAND CARILLON, AND VIOL, ANCESTOR OF THE CELLO; LEFT, VIOLLE AND REBEK, A TINY PRECURSOR OF THE VIOLIN.
Borden's Liederkranz.*
When it ripens, all the good things happen. The surface turns a russet color. The pale yellow interior softens to a creamy consistency. And a distinctly robust, "baritone" flavor develops. This is the cheese that epicures have enjoyed since 1892. What's an epicure? That's you after you try Liederkranz with beer and crackers. Liederkranz with French bread and wine. Or Liederkranz on canapes.

The mileages in eating and drinking run up by the average American from the middle of December to Twelfth Night would reach from here to the far side of dyspepsia. In the midst of all the hospitality, there is little chance to be cautious, much less to keep any sort of regimen. No matter how we promise ourselves to be sensible this year, chances are that after the round of parties, we'll end up in the same frail post-holiday condition. If Lent came right after Christmas, how easy it would be to observe!

The problem is how to break the tradition of a surfeit of food and drink without feeling you have been either lacking in hospitality or a party killjoy. I, for one, would like to propose a change to less potent potables for the Christmas season—the kind that make you feel satisfied, but not sated or stupefied. This may take a conscious effort on the part of host and hostess to break new ground, but it is well worth it. In addition to the standard liquors, it is an easy matter to keep on hand the makings of several lighter drinks, with fruit juice and ouzo for the total abstainers. But do set them out where they can be seen. Many a guest would be grateful for a temperate tipple, but hesitates to say so for fear of embarrassing the hostess. The queen of lighter drinks is, of course, champagne, but there are other less expensive concoctions that are just as refreshing and have a gently stimulating effect.

A kir, or vin blanc cassisselicious at any season. The wine should be very dry and well chilled, the créme de cassis of the finest quality, and the proportions subtle—the wine tinted, not deeply colored, and the taste of cassis strong enough to pique, but not dominate, the drink. You can also make a kir with champagne—not your best Dom Pérignon, of course, but any modest, dry champagne, imported or American. Chill it well and add just a touch of cassis. For a large party, you might make a cassis punch and float strawberries, previously soaked in crème de cassis, on the top of the pale pink brew. For this you need 1/2 cup of crème de cassis (or to taste) to 3 bottles of dry white wine. (You can add a bottle or two of champagne if you like a punch with sparkle.) For guests who don't care for liquor but don't want to make a show of it, a cassis drink without the alcohol is a perfect compromise. Simply pour a little non-alcoholic cassis syrup over ice, add Perrier water, and garnish with lemon or lime.

Wine parties
Providing your guests share your tastes, a holiday wine party can be different and fun. You might copy the congenial British tradition of the sherry party, one of the easiest ways to entertain a large group. Have a good selection of dry sherries, manzanillas, and perhaps a montilla and present them, well chilled, in a large silver or crystal bowl of crushed ice as the centerpiece on a round, skirted table. Circle the bowl with your thinnest glass sherries. Spanish-style tapas (appetizers) are all you need with sherry—salted almonds, sharp cheese, cubes of Smithfield ham, tiny green Spanish olives, and possibly a bowl of chilled lobster, shrimp, and crab meat...

A wine tasting is an increasingly popular form of party that

Fruitful promise of pleasures in store
As the pineapple is the symbol of hospitality, what could be more fitting than to fashion a centerpiece-dessert along its round lines? Cut top from Styrofoam cone and mark off diameter at top with two round toothpicks, at bottom with two more. Make diagonal guideline of toothpicks from top right-hand mark to bottom left-hand mark. Stick line of fruits (we used grapes and berries, but any small, firm fruit will do) on guide, then alternate fruits around cone. Top with real pineapple leaves.
Sprite alone is tart. Naturally tart for adult tastes. But introduce Sprite to a favored whiskey; the result is smashing! A fun couple! Alive! Exuberant! Yet subtle. Sprite complements, but never tries to dominate. Come make your whiskey happy.

Were Sprite and whiskey made for each other? Or is this exuberance just one of those things?
HOUSE & GARDEN'S

Holiday Party Cook Book

From Thanksgiving on, parties proliferate, for at no other season of the year are people so in the mood for enjoying themselves. Yet in the annual rush of entertaining and being entertained, we often tend to forget that a party does not come with a built-in guarantee of success. It is only as good as the idea behind it, the food that is served, and the thoughtfulness that spells true hospitality. Thoughtfulness is the underlying reason why many of the parties we report on in this cook book were so enjoyable. One hostess took foreign visitors into her family circle at Thanksgiving, so they could see this uniquely American tradition at work. Our food and beverage consultant, James A. Beard, held a New Year's Eve party at an unusually early hour out of consideration for friends who found staying up until midnight a wearying way to end the year.

Customs do stale, and you should never be afraid to discard them when you feel they have become outworn. Cold turkey and ham are not the only foods substantial enough to feed a crowd. Roast beef and pâtés, smoked fish and coulibiac serve just as well. Nor does holiday fare have to be elaborate. A good soup or homemade coffee cake can taste wonderful to guests surfeited with rich food and drink. Often it is not so much the menu as the originality of the meal and the way it was served that stay in the memory. At one black-tie dinner, for instance, there were only two courses—moules marinière with French bread and a green salad with Brie cheese. But the moules were served in individual white vegetable dishes while the table centerpiece was an heirloom silver tureen that, when the top was removed, became the cache for discarded shells.

JAMES A. BEARD'S NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

James Beard, H&G's food and beverage consultant, is noted for his imaginative hostmanship. Last year he broke with tradition by giving his New Year's Eve party unusually early—from six to eight-thirty. This innovation was hailed by his guests, who then had the choice of going on to later parties well fortified by substantial food and champagne or sending the rest of the evening quietly at home without feeling deprived of the customary end-of-the-year celebration. As frequently happens at Mr. Beard's parties the kitchen was the most popular place to be. Here drinks and a help-yourself collation (a menu we borrowed for our op art New Year's party shown on page 161) were set out on red Formica buffet tops designed to fit over the cooking surface of the U-shaped work island when food is served from the kitchen.

Chicken Liver Pâté

3 tablespoons butter
1 pound chicken livers
3 eggs
1/4 cup heavy cream
1/4 cup cognac
1/2 pound pork, freshly ground with
1/2 pound pork fat
1/2 cup flour
Salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon thyme
Salt pork or mild bacon, thinly sliced
1 chicken breast, boned, skinned, well-trimmed, and cut into 2 fillets

Heat the butter in a skillet, add the chicken livers and tumble them in the butter just long enough to firm them. Blend half of the livers with the eggs in a blender, pour into a bowl; then blend the remaining livers with the heavy cream and cognac. Combine the liver mixtures with the pork ground with the pork fat, and flour. Add 3/4 teaspoons salt, the pepper, and thyme. Line a loaf pan with the sliced salt pork or bacon. Add half the pâté mixture and arrange the chicken filets over it, filling them into the space carefully. Sprinkle lightly with salt. Add re-

Rillettes d'Oie

1 goose, about 8-9 pounds, roasted and cooled
Salt
2-2 1/2 pounds pork kidney fat or leaf lard
1 clove garlic
Freshly ground pepper
Dried herbs to taste (optional)

Remove the skin from the goose and cut the meat away from the bones. Reserve some of the goose fat from the roasting pan. Rub meat with salt and let stand for several hours. Combine with the pork fat, 1/2 cup water, garlic, pepper, and dried herbs, if desired, in a heavy casserole or braising pan. Add some of the reserved goose fat and cook in a 300° oven for about 4 hours, or until the meat has cooked down thoroughly. Pour contents of casserole into a colander over a large pan and let the meat drain. When it is cool and drained, shred it very finely with two forks. Place in a crock and pack in fairly well. Ladle fat over the goose to cover. With this sealing layer of fat, the rillettes will keep for several weeks under refrigeration. Serve on bread or crackers like a pâté.
MRS. JULE RABO'S
THANKSGIVING DINNER

Although Thanksgiving dinner is generally looked on as a family feast, Mrs. Jule Rabo, an American married to a Hungarian scientist, sees it as a unique opportunity to introduce foreign visitors or students to an enduring American tradition and "let them find out what it is all about." Last year, she planned a larger-than-usual menu with many native dishes and invited the temporary foreign personnel from her husband's laboratory to come and bring their families. With the kitchen the center of activity and attention for hours, the party quickly became relaxed and fun for everyone, including the busy hostess. As a prelude to dinner, there were cocktails of applejack and cranberry juice for the adults, pink lemonade made with cranberry juice for the children, and big bowls of nuts for everyone to crack and shell.

Tomato Soup and Consommé, Mixed, Heated with Thin Slices of Lemon Stuck with CLOVES
Scalloped Oysters
Roast Turkey with Chestnut Dressing
Stuffed Broiled Mushroom Caps
Brussels Sprouts with Water Chestnuts
Candied Baked Sweet Potatoes
Sliced and Layered
Peanut Corn Bread
Cranberry Sherbet
Pumpkin Pie
Indian Pudding
Dried Fruits

Scalloped Oysters
Batter
1½ cup rolled saltine crumbs (not cracker meal)
2 pints oysters, with ½ cup of their liquor
Salt, pepper
½ teaspoon nutmeg
½ cup heavy cream
1 cup coarsely rolled saltine crumbs, buttered
Dash of Tabasco

Batter a 2-quart baking dish. Cover the bottom of the dish with a layer of ½ of the plain cracker crumbs. Add a layer of half the oysters and season with salt, pepper, and ½ teaspoon nutmeg. Add ¼ cup of the oyster liquor and ¼ cup of the cream. Add another third of the cracker crumbs and dot with butter. Then add the remaining oysters, the seasonings, and finally the remaining unbuttered cracker crumbs and the buttered crumbs. Add the remaining ¼ cup oyster liquor and cream and sprinkle with salt, pepper, and Tabasco. Bake in a 375° oven for about 20-25 minutes, or until brown on top. Serves 8.

Peanut Corn Bread
Prepare 1 package corn bread mix according to package directions. Add ½ cup roughly chopped salted peanuts to the batter and blend well. Follow directions for baking.

Cranberry Sherbet
1 tablespoon unflavored gelatin
1 pound fresh cranberries
2 cups sugar
Few grains salt
Rind of 2 oranges, shredded
Juice of 3 oranges
Juice of ½ lemon

Soak the gelatin in ½ cup cold water about 5 minutes. Cook the cranberries in 3 cups boiling water until soft. Purée the mixture by forcing it through a strainer or by whirling it in a blender. Combine with the sugar, salt, orange rind and juice, and lemon juice in a saucepan. Bring to a boil. Add the soaked gelatin and stir until dissolved. Cool. Place the mixture in two ice trays in the freezing compartment. Freeze until almost firm. Remove to a mixing bowl and beat until light. Return to ice trays and freeze until firm. Serve as a palate cleanser between the main course and dessert. Serves 8.

PHILIP S. BROWN'S
CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

A sit-down breakfast party has become a Christmas Day institution in the Pasadena home of Philip Brown, whose witty articles on food and drink appear regularly in Harpers. The same group of friends turns up each year—their memories jogged a week or two ahead by telephone—with an occasional new face replacing a drop-out. The party begins at eleven, gets going at noon when food is served, and continues, with present exchanging and talk, until the last guest leaves around four in the afternoon. The perennial centerpiece is a Mexican tin tree, gay with candles and ornaments heaped around the base. The color scheme is cheerful red and green—red and green felt napkin rings, red and green ribbons on the handle of the knife that cuts the stollen, and a dashing costume of red trousers and shoes, green shirt and socks for the host.

Milk Punch® or Screwdrivers

Scrambled Eggs with Finest Herbs
Stollen®
Toasted English Muffins
Cream Cheese
Strawberry Preserves
Peach Preserves
Coffee

Milk Punch
For each serving pour 1 ounce Jamaica rum and 1 ounce cognac into a 30-ounce glass, add ice cubes, and fill with cold milk. Sprinkle with nutmeg, if you like.

Finnan Haddie with Cream Sauce
3-pound piece finnan haddie
1 quart milk
¼ cup minced green onion
¼ cup diced green pepper
2 tablespoons butter
¼ cup diced pimientos
¼ cup butter
¼ cup flour
2 cups light cream
Salt, pepper to taste
1 cup crumbs, buttered

Finnan Haddie with Cream Sauce

Serves 8.

Cover the finnan haddie with the milk and poach gently until the fish separates easily. Drain, reserving the liquid. Separate the fish into flakes and remove any bones. Arrange in a large shallow baking dish. Sauté the onion and pepper in the butter for 3 minutes. Add the pimientos. Make a roux with the butter and flour and add the light cream and 2 cups of the milk used for poaching. Cook, stirring, until thickened and smooth. Add the green onion-pepper mixture, season with salt and pepper, if needed, and pour over the fish. Sprinkle the top with the buttered crumbs. Serves 8.

Note: This may be prepared the day before and reheated Christmas morning.

SPECIAL EFFECTS FOR TABLES

Christmas calls for festive table settings. 1. At a place setting, a long-stemmed crystal "egg" encloses holly and a rose (glass cover preserves flowers without water). The card is displayed on a tiny tree holder made of brass beads trembling on wires. 2. A crystal chandelier embellished with Christmas balls in one color and graduated sizes sparkles over interior designer André Fieber's dinner table; red ribbons extend from center to gifts at each place. 3. Christmas Eve buffet table is "gift-wrapped" by interior designer David Barrett. Felt and ribbons cover L-shaped arrangement of bridge tables, outside tag says "Joyeux Noël." Wrapped, stacked boxes hold food, plates. For shopping information, please turn to page 200.
Swedish Potato Sausage

1 pound lean ground beef
1/2 pound fresh ground pork
7 cups grated potatoes
1 onion, finely chopped
1 tablespoon salt
2 teaspoons ground ginger
1/2 cup butter

Mix well all the ingredients, except the butter, and stuff the mixture loosely into sausage casings. Cover the sausages with salted water and refrigerate.

To cook these delicious sausages, remove from the brine and poach in salted water for 1/2 hour. Drain. Melt the butter in a large skillet and brown the sausages on all sides. Serves 8.

Stollen

1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup sugar
2 teaspoons salt
1/2 cups milk, scalded
2 yeast cakes
2 eggs, beaten
5 or more cups flour
1/2 cup each of sliced citron, quartered candied cherries, halved blanched raisins
1 tablespoon finely chopped candied orange peel
Melted butter
Confectioners' sugar or thin sugar icing

Add the butter, sugar, and salt to the scalded milk. When the mixture is lukewarm, crumble in the yeast and stir until dissolved. Add the eggs, 3 cups of the flour, the citron, cherries, raisins, and orange peel. Beat well, then add enough additional flour, about 2 cups or more, to make a soft dough, and knead until smooth. Cover and let rise until double in bulk, then knead again and divide into 3 portions. Roll each into a round shape, brush the top with melted butter, and fold over 1/2 of the dough of each round to form oval shapes with one side higher than the other. Do not press edges together. Place on a buttered baking sheet, let rise until double in size, and bake in a 350°F oven for 30 minutes, or until done.

Serve sprinkled with confectioners' sugar, or covered with a thin sugar icing. Serves 8-10.

MR. & MRS. JACK BAKER'S
MIDNIGHT SUPPER

To entertain all their friends, the Jack Bakers of Santa Barbara, California, give not one but three annual Christmas parties, decorating the whole house in a different colorful way every year. For a late supper after a holiday dance, the menu is light and simple, centering on one little dish that can be made and filled to order whenever guests are ready to sit down and eat.

Come midnight, the dancers find steaming consommé served in covered lacquer bowls on tables set for four (see party details on page 160), then make their way to the cooking counter to choose their omelettes. Dessert—pineapples shaped of Styrofoam covered with rows of fresh fruit and finished off with a real pineapple top—stands in as part of the decoration until the moment when the toothpick-pierced fruits are removed and eaten.

DOUBLE CHICKEN CONSIIMMÉ
OMELETTES WITH SOUR CREAM AND CAVIAR,
ROQUEFORT BUTTER, CREAMED CODFISH, OR

Imagination is the ingredient that makes party food different. 1. For a cocktail buffet, Don White of the New York catering service, Telephone Chef, molds cottage cheese into a ball, tops it with a holly sprig, rings it with red caviar (to mix with the cheese) and parsley. 2. A shrimp “tree” of chicken wire banked with parsley sprigs and hung with shrimp is another of his ideas. This he surrounds with endive leaves decorated with a piping of cream cheese dotted with red caviar and tiny round onion sandwiches. 3. Mrs. Julie Balo’s specialty is the Hungarian kirénszt, a fat mushroom formed from goat cheese mixed with a little butter, the top sprinkled with paprika. Round it go capers, caraway seeds, and chopped onion to eat with the cheese.

Change the water once during the soaking. Place the fish in fresh water to cover and bring to a boil. Simmer for about 5-6 minutes, or until the fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Shred and taste for salt.

Make a roux by melting the butter and blending in the flour, salt, pepper, and nutmeg. Remove pan from heat and add the milk slowly, stirring until blended. Cook, stirring constantly, until sauce thickens. Stir in the heavy cream blended with the egg yolk and heat until well blended. Add the shredded codfish and sliced hard-cooked eggs. Spoon codfish filling into or over the omelettes. Makes enough filling for 6-8 omelettes.

Curried Beef

1 medium onion, finely chopped
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon oil
1 green onion, cored and grated (skin and all)
1/2 pound lean ground chuck
2 tablespoons or more curry powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup brown sauce (canned may be used)
1/2 cup seedless raisins
1/2 cup chopped salted peanuts
2 tablespoons chutney

Saute the onion in the butter and oil and add the apple. Break up the beef and add, toasting well. Brown the meat and let it cook with the apple and onion for about 3 minutes. Add the curry powder and salt and blend. Add the brown sauce and simmer for 5 minutes. Add the raisins, nuts, and chutney and heat through. Correct seasoning. Spoon into or over omelettes. Makes enough for 6-8 omelettes.
Gay Ways to Give Cookies

1. Large onion, chopped
2. Hard-cooked eggs, chopped
3. Egg beaten with a teaspoon water

Sift 1/2 pound butter and mix with the cream cheese. Mix in the flour. Let this pastry double rest while preparing the filling.

Finely chop the cabbage, adding salt while chopping to draw out the water. Squeeze out all the water by taking handfuls of cabbage and pressing the water out by hand. Melt 1/2 pound butter and sauté the onion until transparent. Add the cabbage; cook uncovered, stirring frequently, adding butter if needed. Season well with pepper. When the mixture is cooked, add the chopped eggs. Add salt to taste.

Butter a 12" by 8" or a square ovenproof dish. Roll out the pastry to fit the dish allowing for sides and overlap. Place the pastry in the dish and fill with the cabbage mixture. Melt 1/2 cup butter and pour over cabbage. Seal pastry well, then invert onto a floured towel. Put the filled pastry back in the dish with the sauce underneath. Brush pastry with the egg wash and bake 20 minutes longer, or until golden. Cut in squares and serve in the dish. Serves 8.

Alicia's Christmas Salad

Christmas is the season for sowing cookies, a custom that Mrs. Donald L. Miller of Cincinnati makes the occasion for a party. She sends out invitations shaped like gingerbread men to about twenty neighbors, asking them to bring and exchange their specialties. Mrs. Cornelia Ross of Hartsdale, N. Y., presents her cookie gifts in the form of a tree. In addition to a tree, Christmas decorations, and pine and holly houghs, Mrs. McKenna likes to decorate the living room with a bouquet of quince, one of the first spring blossoms. She covers the buffet table in the dining room with a white cloth, stripes it with scarlet ribbons, and makes a centerpiece of red garnet roses and silver Christmas balls. The party begins at nine and at ten-thirty platters of cold fish and meal, caviar, quince, one of the first spring blossoms. The speck of tablecloth shows. Mrs. McKenna's friends. 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Rutabaga Cake

This is an unusual way of cooking turkey, but a pleasant change from the traditional Christmas roast turkey. For this recipe, you may use two young turkeys in preference to a large one.

1. Large onion, chopped
2. 1/2 cup fresh cooked rice
3. Salt, pepper to taste

Saute the onion in the butter. Add the rice and mix well. Add the stock and simmer slowly until all the stock is absorbed, but the rice is slightly undercooked. Add the ham, salt, and pepper. Stuff the turkey with this mixture, cover with a tent of foil and cook in a 325° oven for approxi-
mately 3 hours, or until the drumsticks move easily and the juices run clear when skin is punctured at the joint. Remove the foil for the last 30 minutes to allow the turkey to brown, and increase the heat if necessary.

Sweet and Sour Sauce
2 slices pineapple, chopped
1 teaspoon chopped preserved ginger (optional)
Oil for frying
6 tablespoons chopped onion
1 tablespoon vinegar
1 tablespoon tomato catsup
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 teaspoon sherry
1 teaspoon cornstarch mixed with 1 1/2 cups water

Fry the pineapple and ginger (if desired) in oil for a few minutes. Add the onion and fry until tender. Add all the other ingredients and simmer slowly for 5-10 minutes. Serve with the roast turkey and accompany with cooked and skinned chestnuts.

Snowball Surprise
2 quarts vanilla or coffee ice cream
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon brown sugar
6 tablespoons rum
4 bananas, chopped
4 egg whites
1 cup sugar
9"-10" round sponge cake layer

Press the ice cream into a bowl or deep mold, slightly smaller in diameter than the sponge layer, leaving a hollow in the center. Freeze until firm. Melt the butter and add the brown sugar and 2 tablespoons of the rum. Pour over the bananas and leave for 1 hour. Twenty minutes before serving, whip the egg whites until foamy, gradually add the sugar, and continue beating until stiff. Put the banana mixture into the hollow of the ice cream. Dip mold into hot water for a few seconds and loosen around edges with a sharp knife. Cover bottom of mold with sponge cake layer and place a flat cookie sheet over it. Invert to unmold ice cream onto the sponge round. Cover completely with the egg white, making sure all the ice cream is covered. Bake in a 425° oven for 5-8 minutes. With aid of two spatulas, slide onto serving dish. Heat remaining rum, ignite, and pour over top. Serve flaming.

MRS. JOHN HAUGH'S SOUP & SPIRITS BUFFET

Mrs. Haugh’s wintertime soup and spirits parties are flexible and simple enough to allow her to entertain a lot of people informally either in Phoenix, Arizona, where Mr. Haugh represents the traditional Mexican “morning-after” soup and an ideal pick-up after New Year’s Eve) ladled into soup cups from chafing dishes at either end of the dining room table.

MENUDO® WITH TOSTADOS
NEW ENGLAND OYSTER STEW
TINY HOT BISCUITS
FRUIT CAKE COFFEE

Elena Zelayeta’s Menudo
2 calves’ feet
5 pounds tripe
3 cups white hominy
3 onions, minced
4 cloves garlic, minced

2 teaspoons cilantro
1 tablespoon oregano
Salt, pepper
Minced green onions and minced mint leaves
or hot red chile sauce

Wash the calves’ feet and cook in 6 quarts water for 1 hour. Wash the tripe thoroughly and cut in 1” by 2” pieces. Add to the calves’ feet with the hominy, onion, garlic, the herbs, tied loosely in a cheesecloth bag, and salt and pepper to taste. Simmer 6-7 hours. Adjust seasoning. Serve with minced green onions and minced mint leaves to be sprinkled on top or a red chile sauce. Serves 12.

Note: This soup can be made ahead of time and frozen.

DOROTHEA WALKER’S CHRISTMAS EVE SUPPER

Mrs. Richard Walker, H&G’s contributing editor in San Francisco, spends the holidays in the family’s ski chalet in the Sierra Nevada mountains, so her Christmas supper is one that can be mainly prepared ahead in the city and carried in plastic hampers. As the Walkers like to ski all day, Mrs. Walker has ruled out the time-honored but time-consuming roast turkey, instead bases her menu on a Christmas ham prepared in the traditional Swedish style. Her guests find the fresh-cut pine boughs spread on the ground by the entrance, a delightful Austrian custom that prevents any slipping on ice and releases a Christmassy scent when the needles are crushed by snow boots.

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CHRISTMAS GLÜGG
GINGER COOKIES
MINCE PIE

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS FROM SIMPLE THINGS

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COQUILLE OF LOBSTER, SHRIMP, AND SCALLOPS

2 tablespoons light cream
2 tablespoons butter, at room temperature
2 medium eggs, separated
1 envelope yeast
1% cup sugar
3 tablespoons crushed nuts
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MRS. RENNY SALTZMAN’S CHRISTMAS DINNER

Although Christmas dinner at the Renny B. Saltzman’s is served in traditional family style (see page 157), the conventional turkey and plum pudding never appear on the menu. Instead, Ellin Saltzman serves succulent roast pheasant surrounded by fresh apricots that have been peeled, broiled and filled with red-current jelly and, for dessert, a vanilla souffle. During the evening, their housekeeper’s marvelous cheesecake, ice cream with mint sauce, bowls of fresh fruit compote, and champagne are on tap for friends and relatives who drop by to exchange Christmas greetings.

ROAST PHEASANT

1/4 cup milk
2 tablespoons flour
1/4 cup all-purpose flour, sifted
4 tablespoons cold butter
Maraschino cherries, cut in half

CINNAMON BUNS WITH HONEY-BEE TOPPING

Cinnamon sugar
1/4 cup honey
1/4 cup crushed nuts

The oil and butter in a skillet and sauté the chicken until golden. Remove the chicken to a covered casserole and add the wine, pineapple juice, bay leaf, salt, and pepper, leaving fat in skillet for later use. Simmer chicken until barely tender, about 45 minutes. Cook the potatoes in salted boiling water, drain, and reserve. Put the tomatoes, garlic, onion, and pimientos in a blender and blend until smooth, adding a little stock from the chicken if necessary. Skin and chop the chorizos and sauté in the oil and butter remaining in the skillet. Drain and add to the casserole. Put the blender mixture in the skillet and cook in the remaining fat for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Add to the casserole with the potatoes and capers. Rinse the jalapeño chiles, remove seeds, if any, cut in strips and add to the casserole. Check seasoning, simmer for a few minutes and serve. Serves 6.

Rosa de Reyes
(King’s Day Ring)

1 envelope yeast
2 1/2 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup sugar
2 eggs, well-beaten
4 egg yolks
4 tablespoons butter, at room temperature
Grated rind of 1 lemon
1 1/2 cups mixed, chopped candied fruits and peels
Tiny china doll
Melted butter
1 cup confectioners’ sugar, sifted
2 tablespoons light cream
Maraschino cherries, cut in half

FRESH TOASTED ALMONDS

SHERRY

Cinnamon Buns with Honey-Bee Topping

1/4 cup milk
2 tablespoons flour
1/4 cup all-purpose flour, sifted
Butter
1 cup sugar
2 large or 3 medium eggs
1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons grated lemon rind
Cinnamon and sugar
1/4 cup honey
1/4 cup crushed nuts

Heat 1 cup of the milk to lukewarm and dissolve the yeast in it. Stir in 1 cup of the flour. Cover and allow to rise in a warm place about 30 minutes. Beat 1 1/4 cups butter until it is soft and add 1/2 cup of the sugar gradually. Blend until the mixture is light and creamy. Beat in the eggs one at a time. Add the salt and lemon rind. Add the yeast sponge mixture and beat.

Gradually beat in the remaining 3 1/2 cups of flour and continue beating for 5 minutes (an old-fashioned bread mixer is good for this). Cover the bowl with a cloth and let rise in a warm place until the dough has doubled in bulk, about 2 hours. Turn out on a floured board and roll the dough to a thickness of 1/4”. Melt some butter and spread generously on the dough. Sprinkle with a mixture of cinnamon and sugar. Roll the dough jelly-roll fashion and cut in 1” slices. Grease muffin tins, a square or rectangular baking pan. Place each slice cut side down in the pan and let rise for 1/2 hour. (If you wish, you may freeze the buns at this point. Cover with freezer paper and place in the freezer. Remove 3 hours before cooking.) Preheat the toping by combining the remaining 1/2 cup sugar, 3/4 cup milk, 1/4 cup butter, and the honey. Spread on the buns and top with the crushed nuts. Bake in a 350° oven for 30 minutes. Makes about 24 buns.

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adapts admirably to holiday entertaining. Make it a tasting of red or whites, or limit the wines to those of one region, such as Bordeaux, the Rhône or Napa Valleys, and give your guests pads and pencils so they can jot down comments and reactions (as party take-homes, you might attach the pads to small clipboards painted in bright colors or decorated with Art Nouveau designs). With red wines serve good cheese, plus a terrine or pâté if you feel heartier food is required; with whites have oysters or clams and a tasty hot sausage or two. You will probably have to rent or borrow additional wineglasses, unless you are a collector of antique or reproduction wine rinsers, in which case by all means take them out of the cabinet and put them to the use they were intended for. Or, you can improvise wine rinsers by using attractive bowls filled with water. After the tasting, when everyone sits down to relax and compare notes, round out the evening with cognac or white alcohols, followed by coffee and sweet dessert biscuits, or sherbet served in little ramekins or Japanese teacups.

Fruit drinks

There are times when a glass of fruit juice is the most desirable refreshment in the world. At Christmas breakfast and luncheon parties, pitchers of fruit juice, with or without the addition of alcohol, have often proved to be the most patronized beverages at the bar. Even a really good lemonade, either straight or with the addition of claret, can taste marvelously refreshing. If you are observing Christmas in a warm climate, as many of us do, Sangria, the Spanish and Latin-American wine punch, is a natural choice. It is cool, colorful, and, with its garnish of fruit, inordinately pleasing to look at. Mix the Sangria in glass or pottery pitchers, using a split of soda to each bottle of dry red wine (a Chilean Burgundy or Spanish Rioja), and garnish with a sliced orange and long, curling zests of an orange and a lemon.

The drinking man’s soup

With the present vogue for low-calorie consommé, you have yet another light mixer to offer holiday guests. For those who like it cold, you might add tomato juice, and vodka or cognac, with lemon slices, freshly ground pepper, and Tabasco. Hot consommé takes to a dash of sherry or Madeira, a sprinkling of grated cheese. Or you can serve it straight, sans alcohol. Tomato bouillon and mushroom bouillon are also light enough for cocktail party or pre-dinner sipping, but whatever soup you serve, be sure the cups or glasses are not too large. Your guests won’t want to make a meal of it.

Pre-dinner drinks

Finally, there is the eternal question of how to get your guests to approach a carefully prepared holiday dinner in the proper state of anticipation rather than intoxication. One hostess I know, who loves to serve good wines, has recently taken a brave and successful stand on the business of drinks before dinner, admittedly not without initial protest. She serves only apéritifs or champagne until all her guests have arrived, and then has the first course in the living room accompanied by the first table wine of the evening, after which the rest of the meal is eaten in the dining room. No passing parade of hot and cold tidbits has taken the edge off appetites, and palates are not numbed by rounds of cocktails. Of course, she plans a first course that can be easily managed on the lap. After a small plate of sole in white wine sauce or coulibiac of salmon. This sensible arrangement provides a welcome change of procedure for Christmas or Christmas Eve dinner, or at New Year’s.

One of the most memorable New Year’s Eve parties I ever attended was handled on these lines. We drank white wines and champagne with hot and cold sausages, wonderful breads and crudité dishes until midnight. After the New Year had been suitably hailed and ushered in, everyone sat down to a superb beefsteak, kidney, oyster, and mushroom pie, celery salad with mustard dressing, and Beaujolais, with coffee and cognac to round out the celebration. It was an unorthodox but thoroughly satisfactory evening. In short, if you want to make yours the party of the year, go heavy on the planning, light on the drinking.

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There is one last-minute gift you can count on not to be returned after Christmas or to spend the year languishing on a closet shelf — wine. Single people will welcome the luxury of a store of half bottles to sip with a solitary meal; married couples will bless you for providing them with a handy cellar to tap when guests turn up unexpectedly. One man-about-town we know cunningly ensures that he will never be forced to swallow a vinegar rose with a tête-à-tête dinner by sending his current girl friend a selection of his favorite wines as an extra Christmas remembrance (a more tactful form of insurance than toting it along in a brown paper bag).

Twelve bottles or half bottles can come well within your gift budget, provided you pick your wines judiciously, mingling the less expensive imported or American wines with a few of the great French and German classics. Such a wine sampler of mixed bottles is a better choice than a case of a single wine, as it gives the recipient the chance to taste and test some of the wines available locally. However, be warned that not every area of this country is well supplied with stores that select and stock really first-class wines. To help you, we have compiled a list of some of the stores that do handle only the finest in wines and spirits (some sell only wines), based on personal knowledge of their stocks and services.

As you know, it is well-nigh impossible to send wine or spirits across a state line, but you can order by mail or phone from a store in another state for shipment to a friend there and specify if you want your present gift-wrapped.

California
Jurgensen's Grocery Company
342 East California Boulevard
Pasadena, 91106

Jurgensen's has as close to a complete listing of wines as you will find on the West Coast, many available in half bottles. Their range of California wines is exceptional. They also sell spirits, food, and books. There are about fifteen Jurgensens in Southern California, and they will send catalogues on request at Christmas and throughout the year.

City of Paris
199 Geary Street
San Francisco, 94108

The basement of this store is given over to an extensive liquor and wine department with a wide-ranging selection of imported and California wines, many available in half bottles.

Goldberg Bonen
242 and 314 Sutter Street
San Francisco, 94108

The famous old San Francisco house offers a great variety of wines, including the finest made in America. It has many California wines in half bottles. Catalogue sent on request.

Colorado
Harry Hoffman, Inc.
513 14th Street
Denver, 80202

You can depend on Hoffman's to have a good selection of wines and spirits.

Illinois
Stop and Shop Food Store
16 West Washington Street
Chicago, 60602

A large specialty food store with a great reputation for fine foods and an extremely good listing of wines and spirits.

Massachusetts
Berenson's Liquor Mart
70 Summer Street
Boston, 02110

You can choose from a fine collection of wines at this store, many available in half bottles. Catalogue sent on request.

S. S. Pierce & Co.
133 Brookline Avenue
Boston, 02215

This famous old firm has supplied New Englanders with fine foods, wines, and liquors for generations. They have a good selection of wines in half bottles, and make a specialty of gift packaging. Their catalogue, called The Epicure, contains articles and recipes as well as food, wine, and spirits listings.

Michigan
J. L. Hudson Co.
1206 Woodward Street
Detroit, 48226

The remarkable department store group has recently opened a shop with interesting wines—including many in half bottles. They plan to extend these wine shops to their suburban stores. Wine lists upon request.

London Chop House
155 West Congress Street
Detroit, 48226

The restaurant is able to sell some of the superb bottles from its extensive wine list at 40 per cent off the restaurant's listed price, and delivers free to various points within the metropolitan Detroit area.

Minnesota
Haskell's in the Radisson Hotel
23 South 7th Street
Minneapolis, 55402

This shop is a real find for the Middle West, with a breathtaking collection of wines, spirits, and beers, also all sorts of gadgetry. Fritzie Haskell loves and knows wines and has assembled an excellent collection, including many in half bottles.

New York
Sherry Wine and Spirits Co., Inc.
679 Madison Avenue
New York, 10021

Sherry's boasts one of the finest collections of wines in America and a fabulous listing of brandies and other spirits as well as a wide selection of half bottles. Catalogue sent on request.

Texas
Neiman-Marcus
Main & Ervay
Dallas, 75201

Famed for its unique merchandising, Neiman's has four remarkable stores in Texas with extraordinarily good lists of wines and spirits. Write for catalogues and information on their outstandingly beautiful gift wrappings.
PAMPER YOUR MAN

...and the whole family too!

DREMEL ELECTRIC SHOE POLISHERS
Surprising how a simple thing like a Dremel shoe shine can give so much pleasure. Perhaps it’s because Dremel makes shoe shining so simple. And convenient. Just press the button, that’s it. In seconds, a gleaming bootmaker’s shine. No bending. No stooping. No soiled hands.

Give your man and the whole family, too, the luxury of a Dremel shoe shine every day of the year. Just stop in at the quality store near you; there’s a Dremel twin bonnet shoe polisher to match your budget and the occasion.

The Aristocrat
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The Diplomat
Practical, portable and push-button simple. Ideal for home or office. $29.95

The Executive
Deluxe shoe grooming kit. Complete with drawer and polish. $35.00

PORTABLE DRYERS
New devices for drying small lots of clothes can be used anywhere in the house and stored in a tiny space when they’re idle.

Now you can dry a few clothes at a time, whenever and wherever you wish. No more delays while your drip-drys drip, or irritations because you have too small a load for a standard-size dryer. The newcomers are compact and capable. Each has its special conveniences, but all work somewhat like hair dryers—by blowing hot air into a drying chamber. These portable clothes dryers can be used in any room at any season. Take one on summer vacations for drying bathing suits and shorts; use it in winter for snow-wet socks, mittens. Dry your nylons right in your bedroom or bath. One style is so small you can pack it in a suitcase; it will keep you dry wherever you go.

Raise or lower
A dryer that can sit on a countertop, above, can also stand on the floor and grow up to 30 inches high, left. A revolving drum with a gentle tumbling action speeds up drying time—under ten minutes for wet nylons, about an hour for an Orlon sweater. Holds 2 pounds of wet wash, is 10½ by 15 inches. 13½ pounds. Udico, $39.95. Laboratory and fittings by Paul Associates.
Hang and unfurl

A compact dryer smaller than a train case when closed, above, contains a 54-inch-long vinyl bag that unfurls into a dress-length drying chamber, right. Hot air blowing down from the top is sealed in by a zipper closing. Clothes dry on hangers suspended from a built-in rack and acquire few if any wrinkles. This dryer comes with a special bracket for hanging it on the back of a door. Sturdy, leather-grained steel case in off-white with plastic trimming. The total weight is 11 pounds. By Arvin. $39.95.

Travel light

Ideal for small drying chores at home or abroad, this Tidie Drier can be tucked in a suitcase with ease. Only 5½ inches high in its vinyl carrying case, right, it rises to 8½ inches for use, below. Holds 8 ounces of wet clothes; weighs 3½ pounds. By Drico. $19.95 for dryer, $4.95 extra for hair dryer bonnet attachment. The lavatory, by Paul Associates.
Bedtime Lipstick. What will Fabergé think of next?

Yes. Lipstick to sleep in—and why not? Especially when it’s a lipstick that’s so good for your lips... looks so pretty...can’t possibly come off!

**Bedtime Lipstick** is a fantastic new three-stage formula triumphantly perfected by Fabergé’s ingenious scientific laboratories. Looks like orange sherbet in the stick. Turns a luscious you-colour on your lips (Bedtime Lipstick merely intensifies your very own natural colouring).

Here’s how it works: First, apply Bedtime Lipstick glides on colourless. Then, wait three minutes, watching colour ‘bloom’. Then, wait once more, watching colour intensify. Third, wipe off every surface trace. That’s right—wipe it off! All that remains is dewy, delicious as your lips soak up the precious thing you know, the smart girls you ever had.

Better get with it now. First thing you know, the smart girls will be wearing Bedtime Lipstick in broad daylight. Fortunately, there’s no law against that. So hurry to your favorite store and treat your lips to this delicious new confection. Just 3.00 in a midnight-black case struck with gold for never-before Bedtime Lipstick by none other than Fabergé.

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**H&M**’S **SWEET CONCERTS**

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**Page 142, bottom:**
Glassware, “Dance” water and wine goblets, hand-blown crystal, $1 ea.; Rickes-Criso.

Salad plate, clear glass, $2.75; Bonniers, 605 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022.

Compote, “State” full lead crystal, 10½” diam., $26.50; Val. St. Lambert.

Everything else privately owned.

**Page 143, left, top to bottom:**
Compote epagrace, “Suite” full lead crystal, $61; Val. St. Lambert. Orrefors heavy crystal, dome chandelier, 24” diam., Hansen Lamps.*

Gold ashtray, $30; cigarette cup with mouse, $50; paperweights, $.35 to $.25 ea.; hurricane lamp, black alabaster base, $65 pr., Quay Voltaire, 1048 Third Ave., New York, N. Y., 10021.

Needlepoint sampler, Doris Desau.

Christmas ornaments are silk-screened on clear vinyl, each box available in two colourways, pink and orange with touches of green or blue, and green with some pink and yellow: box of eight round ornaments, $7; box of nine square and round ornaments, $7; Ribbons, seven rows printed on sheet of flexible clear vinyl, 22” x 26”, in either pink/orange or blue/green, $.60. All by Tiger Things and available at All by Tiger Things and available at

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**H&M**’S **MEXICAN FANTASIES**

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New York prices given, may vary in other cities.

Hanging ornaments in tin: Large, $3.50; small, $1; dome, $.35; sunburst with mirror, $.60; long sunburst with mirror, $.65; oval sunburst with mirror, $.75.

Fruit candlesticks in tin: pineapple, $.65; melon, $.60; mango, $.35; pomegranate, $.35; orange, $.35; orange (smaller), $.25.

Hanging fruit: mango, $.35; melon, $.5; orange, $.35; pomegranate, $.30. Doe candlesticks: single, $.65; 4 dove centerpiece, $.17.

Hanging plaques: curtain, 2 doves, $3.50; square, $.20; medallion, 2 doves and hanging ornaments, $.25; three-panel screen on plywood, $20.

Faroles (lanterns): hanging, $.20; with base, $.32.50.

Tree: three parts, six ornaments, $17.50.

**THE GLORIOUS WREATH**

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Waterford crystal punch bowl, $.120; tumbler, $.06 ea.; sterling silver spoon, $.75; B. Altman & Co., 5th & Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

**Page 149:**

Victorian candelabra, $.350 pr., James Robinson Inc., 12 E. 57th St., New York, N. Y., 10022

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Accessories from Doris Desau.

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Stained glass, colonal door of pondenser pine, at local lumber dealers.

**Right:**

Accessories from Doris Desau.

**Wreath kits available from Austen Display, Inc., 133 W. 19th St., New York, N. Y., 10011**

Kit #1—one wreath with Styrofoam backing frame, green garland, instructions and suggestions for wreath decoration, $7.

Kit #2—three Styrofoam backing frames, instructions and suggestions for wreath decoration—no green garlands, $7.

**READY-TO-USE GIFT WRAPS**

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1. Collapsible boxes, four variousized boxes, four gift cards and stretch bands, $.40; Kroch’s & Brentano’s, 62 E. Randolph St., Chicago, Ill., 60601.

Multicolored ribbon, “Color Ribbons” 50¢ per 24-f. roll, East House.

2. “Snap-wraps,” set of four boxes with tissue paper, ribbon, and tags, $1.50; Papier Maché, 55 Greenwich Ave., New York, N. Y., 10011.

3. Nest of three round boxes, $.65; nest of 5 rectangular boxes, $.65; oval box from set of 5 multi-shaped boxes, $.45; Stuart Becker, 1036 Third Avenue, New York, N. Y., 10021.

Gold snowflake and Father Christmas, $.35; Mexico, 2nd Ave., New York, N. Y., 10021.

**HOUSE & GARDEN**

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OP ART NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
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Op art tablecloth, 54" x 90", $14; black laminated tray, 12" x 18", $5, Tiger Fabrics.
Flatware, "Laurel" stainless steel, 5-pc. place setting, $9.95; dinner plates, "Schenewald White", porcelain, 10" diam., $2.50 ea., Fraser's Inc.
Glassware, footed Provincial milk glass, $3.25 ea., Imperial. Everything else privately owned.
Balloon slipover kits available for Asten Design, Inc., 133 W. 19th St., New York, N.Y., 10011
Kit #1—contains 4 yards fabric for six balloon covers (two 9", two 12", two 16"), one inflatable pump, patterns and instructions, and sixteen balloons (six 9", six 12", four 16"), $12.50. Fabric by Tiger Fabrics available in three colorways: A Black and white, B Hot colors, pink and orange, C Cool colors, green and blue.
Kit #2—contains patterns, instructions for making balloon covers, $1.

CHESSMEN—Page 175:
Spools available from Asten Design, Inc., 133 W. 19th St., New York, N.Y., 10011
Package of 140 spools, 20 each of 7 different sizes, $10.

HOLIDAY PARTY COOK BOOK
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Brass tree place-card holder, $3, Pampered Kitchens Inc., 21 E. 10th St., New York, N.Y., 10003
Crystal footed egg, $13.50, Georg Jensen, 667 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y., 10022

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Cookie imposter, natural cane strips laminated to imposter, $12.50. New York, 10011
Blue on white enameled bowl, $7, Seabon, 54 E. 54th St., New York, N.Y., 10022

ADDRESSES FOR STORES MENTIONED ON GIFT PAGES THROUGHOUT THIS ISSUE.
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GREETINGS À LA CARD 666 Fifth Avenue New York, N.Y., 10022
HAMMACHER SCHLEMMER 145 East 57th Street New York, N.Y., 10022
KROCH'S & BRENTANO'S 62 East Randolph Street Chicago, III., 60601
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MAC'S Herald Square New York, N.Y., 10001
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OLD BARN BOOK SHOP 57 Main Street East Hampton, N.Y., 11937
PIERCE WEISS IMPORTERS 1546 Second Avenue New York, N.Y., 10022
PERUGINA 636 Lexington Ave. New York, N.Y., 10022
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PO FOUR EXCHANGE S 240 East 45th Street Pound Ridge, N.Y., 10576
QUAIL VOLTAIRE INC. 1048 Third Avenue New York, N.Y., 10022
RIBBON DÉCOR P. O. Box 2 East Rutherford, N.J., 07073
SCULLY & SCULLY 506 Park Avenue New York, N.Y., 10022
TAYLOR & COMPANY 57th & Fifth Avenue New York, N.Y., 10022
UNICEF General Assembly Building United Nations New York, N.Y., 10017
WILBURT INC. 194 Third Avenue New York, N.Y., 10003

DECEMBER, 1965

Honeymoons can become habits.

Bedtime Perfume
by Fabergé

It's the most beautiful time of your life... wouldn't you love to capture that rapture forever? We don't claim miracles, but Fabergé's new Bedtime Perfume has been known to keep wives so delicious, husbands so delightful, they don't feel a bit married.

Bedtime Perfume is a potent new potion — diluted by neither oil nor alcohol — scientifically compounded to "bloom" with body warmth. Under 98.6° it lies dormant, so if you can't generate a little electricity on your own, forget it.

This bewitching new perfume to dream by, waiting to be lit by the moon in the world in Aphrodite... Woodhue... Flamebue... or wild, wild Tigress. Sealed in an enchanting little frosted French beaker. Bedtime Perfume is gift boxed in fabulous Fabergé fashion — 5.00 and 8.50... the most exciting gift you can get — or give — and such a wonderful way to happily-ever-after!

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ROYAL DOULTON

HOLIDAY CANDIES, SWEETS, AND COMFITS

Snug in their Christmas-Eve beds, twentieth-century children with visions of sugarplums dancing through their heads will find their dreams plumy indeed. Packaged in a hundred different ingenious ways, Christmas candies are no longer simple childish pleasures but revelations of design and deliciousness. For pretty gifts—even prettier decorations—here are a likely few, all available at department stores, confectioners, or gourmet specialty food shops.

From France, bunches of grapes, oranges, and lemons (the latter in slices), all of hard candy. Grapes, 49 cents a bunch; oranges and lemons, 29 cents each. At Bloomingdale’s. Box of luscious candy coconut and cream strawberries, from Blum’s, $2.95.

Wrought-iron candleholder with foil-wrapped candies—some hard, some creamy—mounded around the tapers to make a toothsome centerpiece. Perugina, $17.95 ppd.

Christmas tree ornaments and trims of milk chocolate, some in conventional forms, some egg-shaped, all vividly wrapped and fitted with tie cords. Box of fifteen assorted ornaments, $2.98. From Papikas Weiss Importers.

DRAWINGS BY RENÉE; PHOTOGRAPHS BY WILLIAMS
The electric skillet you don’t have to hide in the kitchen.

For Junior, chocolate “medals” covered in foil, trimmed with silver cutouts and ribbons. Perugina, 55 cents each. For Sister, necklaces of cellophane-wrapped hard candies strung on gold cord. Macy’s, 59 cents.

Lollipop Tree bearing almost two hundred little “pops” spiked with everything from root beer to pineapple, lime to chocolate—all arranged and beribboned in a white ceramic compote. Flora Mir, $4.95.

Royal Flush, above, right: hard candies from France wrapped in playing-card-motif paper. Fruit-flavored (apricot, lemon, orange, and raspberry), gay in a red compote. All I. Magnin stores, $10.

For a door, a giddy Italian pinwheel measuring about a foot in diameter. Hard candies are fruit-flavored, some have creamy centers. 1 1/2 pounds. Perugina, $3.95 ppd.

From Honolulu, three exotic confections, thin and crunchy: Macadamia Brittle, Coconut Crisp, and Lemon Crisp. Brittle comes in 12-ounce tins, Crisps in 10-ounce tins. At Bloomingdale’s, each tin costs about $1.60.

Don’t put the Chartreuse too close to the milk (someone might pour it on the cornflakes!)

But then why not? Chilled Chartreuse goes with lots of things...grapefruit, ice cream, desserts...and, naturally, on the rocks or as a highball. The main point is: chill Chartreuse before you serve it. For that’s the new way to add finesse to Chartreuse’s 350-year-old flavor. A most venerable and versatile liqueur. For an idea-ful booklet on drinking and cooking with Chartreuse, write Schieffelin & Co., 30 Cooper Sq., New York, N.Y., Department M.
Last year, our ten-year-old asked his younger brother the question we'd all suppressed for several winter seasons: "How was John, there's a hole in the head of each reindeer—and no antlers?"

"They're supposed to have antlers," John said. "They're supposed to be made of pipe cleaners. They're supposed to go through the hole. But the day we made them, we had a substitute teacher, Miss Templeton. She handed out the number of pipe cleaners we needed, only she kept calling me 'Alvin.' Honestly, she called every single boy 'Alvin!' I didn't like that. So, I never went up to her desk to ask for the pipe cleaners. I couldn't stand the way she called us 'Alvin.' So, mine don't have antlers."

We've always been partial, too, to our little handmade fig pudding cake. Our oldest son brought it home gift-wrapped from nursery school eleven years ago. A hulking package—wasn't possible guess what it was in it! The wrapping paper was construction paper festively decorated with crayoned swirls of color. ("I made it myself," he said when he gave the package to us.) Beautiful, we said.

Inside was the cake. Blue. Squat. Lumpy. Curiously round at the bottom. A wick of string 2½ feet long.

"It's for putting in the middle of figgy pudding," he explained (his class had sung, with deafening off-key zest, a song about "figgy pudding" at their Christmas party). So we had pudding that Christmas, with the little blue candle alight in the center, its wick trimmed so it wouldn't flop over the side of the plate. Each Christmas dinner, we have fig pudding and each time the candle burned briefly during the trip from kitchen to dining table.

Two Christmas Eves ago, we discovered the whimsical past of that candle. We couldn't find it in the carton: frantically I fussed squirrel-like again and again through the bunched up tissue papers left in the carton. But no luck; no candle.

"I never knew why you liked that candle so much, anyway," was our oldest son's casual remark. I explained why.

"Sure, I remember giving it to you," Mark said. "I still remember that I cut all the string for the whole class. But the day they dipped the candles, I was absent. That girl who always made funny faces—Martha or Marsha... Martita? That was her, she made an extra one and gave it to me. I didn't make the candle, just the wrapping paper."

Late on Christmas Eve we found the candle. Somehow it had strayed inside a Christmas stocking. Martita's candle or not, it graced the pudding (we wouldn't have any other dessert).

For the past four or five holidays, we've set the pudding plate down on a hand-woven mat, our second son's Christmas present to us when he was in second grade. He'd chosen tan, gray, and purple construction paper, and the checkerboard pattern evolved from strips of paper in those colors stands out well, starkly, on a green cloth.

Last year as I took the woven mat from the carton, I noticed that the paper backing was beginning to curl away from one corner. Revealed on that inside corner, in childish printing, is the name of the craftsman: BILLY B. But our second son's name isn't Billy. It's David.

"See, I was right!" he said when he saw it. "I was sure I used more purple than Billy. He picked the same colors, and he took his home early. I told the teacher I thought Billy took mine, but we couldn't find out because he got the measles before Christmas. Anyway, mine had a mistake in it too."

He was referring to a place where the weaving went over two strands instead of one. "So it doesn't matter."

And he's right. Disown the tan, gray, black, and purple mat. Certainly not. It was given with good intentions by a craftsman we don't remember. It was given with other security holders, owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages or other securities of a corporation.

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Christmas Stories

The Twelfth Night Santons by Marion Gardner, illustrated by Winifred Lubell (Doubleday & Co., $3.25). An authentic Christmas story of Provence and the crippled shepherd boy, Pierre, and the santons he wishes to make. These are small statues of people and animals for the manger scene, creche figures for which Provence is noted.

The Journey of Bangwell Putt by Mariana (Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Co., Inc., $3.50). Bangwell Putt is a most unlikely name for a dog. Pre-school children who love Harry by the Sea will cherish the quiet tiger who loved to eat cake and the boy and girl who invited him to tea. A read-alone book for children from five to eight years old.

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Good Time Charlie by Vivian Cristol (Harper & Row, $3.95). Charlie is a ginger-colored cat who lives in Greenwich Village with the author. She recounts how Charlie found her and the ensuing joys and sorrows of living together for almost three years. The book is illustrated with some twenty photographs of Charlie taken by Miss Cristol.

Decorators' Delight

Decoration, U.S.A., by Jose Wilson and Arthur Leaman (Macmillan Co., $12.95). This handsome book documents and evaluates American decoration today. The best contemporary interior design is shown and discussed with regard to the changes that have taken place in America since World War II. A lucid running text is illustrated with thirty-two color plates. Also included are a very instructive and amusing "Furniture Family Tree" cartoon and a glossary at the end with pictures big enough to identify. The book is appreciatively dedicated to "Elsie de Wolfe, who put American decorating on the map."

Richer than Spices by Gertrude Z. Thomas (Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., $7.95). "When in 1662, the Portuguese princess, Catherine of Braganza, became the bride of England's Charles II, Eastern shapes and smells and colors were carried to England by the terms of her dowry. The Eastern trade influenced everything from taste in furniture to taste in food; it introduced passing fads and permanent habits such as tea drinking. A carefully researched and extremely interesting account of the great contribution made to the world. Well illustrated. Also included are a fine bibliography and source list."

Majestic Pieces of American Furniture by Lester Nargon, A.I.D. (Architectural Book Publishing Co., $12.50). Arranging black and white photographs of fine furniture and room settings from thirteen American art museums. The pieces shown date from 1620 to 1840, and include examples of great American design—such as Phyllis, John Goddard, Samuel McIntyre—as well as Shaker and Pennsylvania German furniture. Some photographs are accompanied by Mr. Nargon's measured detail drawings. His writing is informed but personal. This is a designer's choice if museum masterpieces rather than a complex history of American furniture. The book has a good index.

Offbeat Travel

Between Niger and Nile by Arnold J. Toynbee (Oxford University Press, $3.75) illustrated. Most of the articles in this book were originally written for the Observer News Service. They cover Dr. Toynbee's impressions of visits to the United Arab Republic in 1961, Morocco in 1962, Nigeria, the Sudan, Ethiopia, the United Arab Republic, and Libya in 1964. A fascinating look at Africa through the eyes of the late Miss Carson and her pre-school nephew. A sensitive guide to ways in which parents can enrich the lives of their children by helping them to see rather than just look at the marvels on every side.

More Suggestions

House & Garden's Gardener's Day Book edited by Ralph Bailey (M. Evans and Co.—Lippincott, $7.50). Most of these 366 articles of observation, advice, and proceeds have appeared in the regular Gardeners' Notes in this magazine. Lloyd's Register of American Yachts, 1965 (Lloyd's Register of Shipping, 17 Battery Place, New York, N. Y., $21). A list of the sailing and power yachts, yacht clubs, and yacht owners of the United States and Canada together with all their flags in color. A sumptuous gift for any sailor.
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Here are complete instructions for making the three types of artificial wreaths on page 151.

The tissue-paper wreath
1 Cut flameproof tissue paper into round pieces about 6 inches in diameter. 2 Fold each in half three times to make pie-shaped wedges. 3 Thread wedges onto strong, flexible wire, piercing the paper near the apex, but don't jam them together too tightly. When you have filled the wire and joined the ends, spread the wedges open to make petals.

Paper nosegays
1 From flameproof tissue paper, cut round pieces about 8 inches in diameter. Fold into eights and make a shallow V-shaped cutout in the arc of each wedge to scallop the edge. Twist the wedge at its apex, and ruffle open the scallops. 2 Gather four or five of these flowerets around the end of a wire or pipe cleaner and fasten together with green florist's tape. 3 Twist three of these clusters onto a branch or wreath wire with more florist's tape, then press them into a single full nosegay.

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Sint Maarten—Mary's Fancy

On the Dutch side of this divided but frontierless island (it is possible to cross over to French St. Martin without being aware of it) lies a little valley appropriately named Cul-de-Sac and Mary's Fancy, an old sugar estate turned inn. Owners Kit Osborn and Peter Byram, a designer and interior decorator, pooled their talents and converted the plantation house and buildings into one of the prettiest small hotels—a mere nine rooms—in the islands. All the rooms are furnished as if they were in a private house, with antiques, Oriental rugs, Hong Kong wicker chairs, and paintings galore, all constantly switched around by Mr. Byram. Paint applied by a practiced hand (often Mr. Byram's) gives Mary's Fancy a lighthearted air that suits its name. "Instant" rugs are stenciled on the wood floors of the dining room and vine-shaded veranda; the shower stall doors in a bathroom are painted with field flowers. Guest rooms don't have numbers, and the dining room menu is added in lieu of tipping.

A tight airline schedule limited my stay at Mary's Fancy to one day, so Mrs. Osborn thoughtfully gave me a quick tour of the island, including the capital of Sint Maarten, Philipsburg, a tree-shaded city of pink houses on an isthmus cradled between two arms of blue water; the French capital, Marigot (both cities are free ports); and a new small hotel that had opened in December, the Caravanserai. This modern, informal little inn has been built around a swimming pool on a coral promontory overlooking the Caribbean and, from a brief appraisal, seemed as if it would be a delightful vacation place.

Jamaica—Miranda Hill

Jamaica's Montego Bay is probably the Caribbean's most celebrated and celebrity-rite playground, so it was only to be expected that Miranda Hill, once the home of Captain Edward Molyneux of haute couture fame, should be the most elegant, luxurious, and pampering small hotel of my trip.

The white villa and swimming pool, nucleus of the hotel, rise in landscaped gardens on a hillside overlooking the bay. Another feature of the hotel is a terrace next morning. After dinner (and the dining room menu has as many choices of French cuisine as a good restaurant), Jamaican musicians gather on the terrace and play the ska, the hypnotic dance that combines elements of the monkey, the swim, or whatever you feel like doing in an endless rhythmic chain that stops only when exhaustion sets in.

It would take years really to see and know all of these varied islands, for every year brings changes, new additions to the roster of small hotels, and a rising tide of vacationers. One of the lures of the Caribbean is that there are more discoveries to be made there today than there were in the days of Columbus.

Further information and rates for the hotels may be obtained by writing to them or the Caribbean Travel Association, 20 East 46th Street, New York, N.Y., 10017.

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Ferns, like most plants, turn in their best performance in a fairly humid atmosphere. Those at the bottom of these pages are no exceptions. The tried-and-true method of providing the needed moisture is to set the pots on a bed of porous material that will absorb large quantities of water and release it slowly into the surrounding air. The combination of vermiculite and pebbles used in the window schemes on pages 164 to 167 not only accomplishes this, but has the added advantage of being much more neat and generally attractive than the cinders, peat-moss, or what-have-you that might be utilized to serve the same purpose.

First of all, some kind of tray is necessary to hold the vermiculite-pebble combination. This might very well be made of sheet metal. We chose the simpler—and less expensive—way and made our tray of wood, opposite page. Our first step was to cut a panel of heavy-gauge plywood to fit the sill of our imaginary fern window. A trellis strip of 1/4-inch wood wide enough to project 1 inch above the plywood panel was then nailed around the edge (with 2-inch wire nails spaced about 6 inches apart). To help make the tray watertight, a thick coat of paint (white lead-and-oil) was applied to the edge of the plywood before nailing on the edging strip. The whole tray was then given a prime coat of white lead-and-oil (you can choose your... [Continued on page 213]

**Prettiest choices for a fern window**

*Adiantum tenerum.* The familiar maidenhair, one of the most graceful and generally satisfactory of all ferns. Relatively less, rather than more, light is its preference; more, rather than less, humidity. Sometimes bothered by scale insects on the wiry stems.

*Asplenium nidus.* The bird's-nest fern. The blade-shaped leaves bear little resemblance to the other ferns, so this is always a good conversation piece. It likes a fairly strong light and should be watched for infestations of scale insects, which seem to find midribs very appetizing. The name "bird's nest," incidentally, refers to the circular pattern of overlapping leaves in the center of the plant.

*Davallia fejeensis.* Known as the rabbit's-foot fern and chiefly interesting as a curiosity. The fronds are like those of the fern-hall fern, but the rhizomes, covered with brown fur, creep on top of the soil and over the edge of the pot, looking really like rabbit's feet.
HOW TO MAKE AND CARE FOR YOUR FERN WINDOW

by James Fanning,
Landscape Architect

Marine plywood, \( \frac{3}{4} \)-inch thick, cut to the shape of the window sill or plant area and surrounded by wood trellis strips, will form a durable receptacle for moist vermiculite and will go far toward inducing the kind of atmosphere that the ferns need.

**V. nephrolepis exaltata.** The Boston fern. Of the dozens of varieties of this (and other) nephrolepis species available, *exaltata* is best known and most widely grown. The graceful epitome of ferniness, it is almost as easy to grow as the redoubtable aspidistra.

**P. rotundifolia.** A curiously attractive fern, with tangles of wiry, dark-colored stems strung with circular dark green leaves in pairs. It likes a rather dim light, certainly not direct sunlight, and plenty of humidity.

**P. alcicorne and P. stemaria.** The staghorns. You only have to see one to know why it has its name. Both these ferns should be started by an expert—someone who knows just how to get the plant rooted into the bark slab it will grow on—but once started, the rest is easy: frequent syringing, a sharp eye for scale and mealybug, and plenty of light.

For additional fern choices, turn to page 215.

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So we suggest at least the retention if not the composting of or other appropriate use of late fallen leaves. If you must dig a hole in which to bury them, we might even favor that. But there are easier ways—such as raking them into a chicken wire corral, or piling them under a big shade tree (not on the lawn), or spreading them out under the shrubbery as thinly and evenly as the nature of shrubbery warrants. In any case, avoid burning them. Even burned in metal leaf burners, they would still dirty and pollute your neighborhood air. On macadam surfaces, hot leaves may well melt small cracks that will admit moisture and cause deterioration of the paving. Burning leaves do have a wonderful fragrance, but a fresh cup of coffee smells even better.

Gift book. Ogden Nash and Hilday Knigbht have collaborated on The Animal Garden (Evans-Lippincott, $3.95). The lines have the traditional Nash twist, if not the best Nash snap. And Mr. Knight's drawings are pleasingly antic in representing flowers as animals whose names many of them bear. A book to remember a guest by.
trim paint according to the colors of the room where you plan to put the plants; be sure to let the paint run into the joints so that they will be well sealed against moisture.

Your tray should be set up—whether on the floor or a window sill—so high that air can circulate under it. Then pour in a ½-inch-deep layer of coarse-ground vermiculite, level it, and water it slowly. If the water compacts the vermiculite to below the mark, add more vermiculite, since this is the most important element in the moisturizing system.

Most beginners are surprised at the great amount of water a layer of vermiculite will absorb. Unless the water is poured on with the hand of a would-be fireman, a ½-inch of the material will hold enough moisture to humidify your plants without ever allowing it to penetrate the plywood below. Sprinkling and hand-testing—the feel should be damp, not soggy—will produce a properly moistened bed, whereon to place the ferns themselves. The pots directly on the vermiculite and press down just enough so they will stand up. Next come the pebbles, and here let your fancy be your guide: any kind of stones, in any color, any size, or any shape will fill the bill. We used Japanese river pebbles (average diameter 1 inch) simply because they are available in easy-to-handle sacks and give a pleasantly mottled effect when a few black ones are scattered among the prevailing whites.

From this point on, maintaining the proper degree of moisture will be very simple: a simpleinkle or syringe the pebbles—don’t flood—once a day so they are thoroughly wet. Water the pots about once a week so heavily that a little water will be very simple: sprinkle or water the pots about once a week so heavily that a little water will be very simple: sprinkle or

**Additional choices for a fern window**

Polypodium aureum. One of a very large group of ferns, and one of the handsomest. This species, despite its yellow-sounding name, is bluish in color, with gracefully arching stems and broad pinnae (feathers). All of the polypodies thrive in tempered light and high humidity, and should be guarded against scale.

Asparagus plumosus and A. sprengeri. Sometimes called asparagus ferns (really not ferns at all), they fit in well with ferns, and are easily obtainable. There are many new and perhaps more graceful shapes in the familiar clay that you may prefer. A recirculating fountain may also appreciably improve the atmospheric humidity.

In regard to soil for the pots, the prime requirement is for the familiar clay that you may make acceptable companions, particularly in that part of the window where light and heat are likely to reach a level too high for most of the real ferns.

Selaginella kraussiana brownii. A mosslike tiny creeping fern that will serve to "face down" the taller ferns, particularly on the side away from the light. Given plenty of atmospheric humidity (down near the gravel among the moist fern pots), it will crawl down the sides of its container and out over the pebbles in the fern tray.

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*Pteris eneiiformis.* One species from a group that includes several particularly handsome variants. Small to medium in size, some pteris have pinnae that are crimped, curled, fringed, and variegated in various ways. One of the handsomest of all is *P. eneiiformis* "Victoriae," with dark green and creamy white fronds. All the species and varieties do their best in subdued light and high humidity.

*Davallia ballata.* A fern which the Japanese long ago discovered is ideal for growing in balls of moss—hence the fact that it is usually seen growing this way. Keep the ball moist, syringing the fronds regularly, and try to give it something less than all-day sunlight.

*Cibotium menziesii.* A Hawaiian tree fern that will ultimately get too big for your fern window. But if and while it fits, it is indeed fascinating to watch the great, long leaves uncurl out of the top of the dead-looking stem. Susceptible to attack by mealybug and scale.

*Cibotium schiedi.* A tree-fern relative that is much more manageable in size than the foregoing (it takes many years to exceed 12 feet). It prefers to be out of direct sunlight, but is otherwise undemanding.

*Cystodium falcatum.* The holly fern. The shape of the leaves (pinnae, to be technically exact) gives this fern its name. Probably the toughest of all ferns, this will turn in an acceptable performance even in the dimly lit corner of a city apartment. Watch it for scale and mealybug.

**DECEMBER GARDENERS continued from page 214**

Their enormously spectacular and therefore "exotic" looking blooms, the magnolias seem to have earned a reputation for being geographically choosy. In point of fact, one of them can be found growing well in gardens over a great part of the temperate or sub-tropical world. Even the best known evergreen species grows over a far greater range than its native habitat would suggest—e.g. a house-high espalier at Kew, in London, or a house-high espalier in Memphis, Tenn.—we have seen them both and they grow equally well in both places.

The most notable of the early flowering deciduous magnolias of the north temperate zones is probably *M. soulangeana*, with huge pink saucer blossoms opening before the leaves emerge. The varie-
table range of flower colors is enormous, running all the way from deep purple to near-white. *M. stellata* has pure white flowers (although there is a pink variant) with ribbonlike petals in earliest spring. In fact, it blooms so early that sometimes the flower buds are frozen—which is its only drawback. *M. virginiana* has fragrant June flowers, deep green leaves that are whitish beneath. It grows as a smallish shrub around Boston, Mass.; as a near-evergreen tree as much as 50 feet tall in the far south. *M. sieboldii* (parviflora) has early summer flowers that follow one another for as much as six weeks—big white discs with crimson stamens and filaments.

*M. grandiflora* is, of course, the great and much loved bull-bay of the American southeast. It has large, glossy evergreen leaves, huge fragrant white flowers, enormous clusters of red seeds in autumn pods. In this country it ranges from New York southward and may be found on the West Coast as well. Less well known, but harder and even more satisfactory as a home-grown tree is *M. sylvatica*. Its flowers are only slightly smaller than the preceding, and the plant blooms in April before the fine, dark leaves come. This one will even survive in the cold, dry winters of the Middle West.

There are other and bigger magnolias, with other and bigger flowers, and other and more dramatic weedpods. But for the most part they are for other and bigger areas than your yard. All the kinds recommended should be bought, in cans or with a root-ball, from a good nursery, and can be transplanted almost without hazard in spring. Their only real enemy is the magnolia scale, an ugly but seldom fatally troublesome pest.
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DECEMBER, 1965
November and December every large city from Boston to Chicago will see both plays.

Pro Musica, now in its thirteenth year, was originally created with the sole aim of performing antique music—medieval, Renaissance, and early Baroque. It stops, in other words, where most people begin, that is, with Bach. Certainly music is the organization's forte. Its members not only sing, but also play instruments, and each, including the director, is a scholar as well as an artist. Earnest Murphy, for example, is not only a leading countertenor with a high lyric range of two octaves from C to C, he is also a pianist and a harpsichordist, with a master's degree in musical literature.

Part of Pro Musica's musical charm is due to its baggage of instruments. Some are so ancient that makers no longer exist; the viola da gamba; tiny Highland bagpipes; miniature Arabian kettledrums; harps of the psaltery and minstrel types; a hand carved violin consisting of three or four rows of bells suspended from a crossbar which sets up a whirling ringing in the air. There is also a small light portable organ, worked by air compression, which has wooden pipes that give it an appealing and nasal resonance found in no other instrument of the world. The rebate and vielle, fiddles and tiny cellos, hang on cords around the necks of the players so that they can walk about as they perform. The Middle Ages, after all, was the era of wandering minstrels.

Some of the instruments were especially commissioned by Pro Musica in various parts of Europe. The large bells were cast in London, the organ was manufactured in Vienna. Some of the string instruments were fashioned in Germany, others at the Dolsmitc Workshop in England. The 4-foot-long straight trumpet with its clear, silvery tone was made in Italy in 1406 A.D. It heralds kings, angels, and announces interludes. The singers usually clash metallic cymbals for metrical punctuation, or wear tiny finger cymbals and delicately tap their finger tips together to produce sounds as ethereal as the Bible text itself. Medieval music, in general, was based on a definite symbology: stringed instruments and the portative organ accompanied holy figures such as prophets or the Virgin Mary. Trumpets and cornets signified kings. Recorders (some of Pro Musica's members are the finest virtuosi on the recorder in the country) and percussion denoted the pomp and circumstance of pagan courts. Raspings bowed instruments portrayed eunuch counselors plotting the downfall of a trusted prophet such as Daniel.

Music, being an oral and aurual tradition is the most elusive and easily forgotten of the arts, hardest to preserve. The notation of neumes and reemes used in the early days of mysteries suggested pitch vaguely and indicated rhythm approximately. It was from such crude manuscripts that Pro Musica's scholars and musicians had to work and reconstruct.

The music of Daniel and Herod is known as "plain song," voices in unison intoning psalms. It was not until many centuries later that harmony evolved, so, happily, the vocal figurations and melodic patterns of the music-drama are at once stark and complicated. The voices singing together rise and fall according to strict rule. Occasionally the line is expanded by chantlike singing in open intervals of fourths and thirds. But even to modern, harmony-directed ears, the music is detectable and its invention stunningly adept.

At Christmas time it would be pertinent to ask what was the music of Jesus' own day? He is said to have sung at the Last Supper, and according to one apocryphal Book of John, he danced a round-dance with his disciples. But scholars still debate the actual sounds he might have heard and made and moved to. They could very well have been close to the plain song of Daniel and Herod, for he prayed and taught in the Jewish synagogues and temples, from which this music, with its Hebraic intonations, meters, and cadences, originally derived. A blending of Oriental melodic improvisations with Latin order, rhyme, and discipline, this medieval music bridges the distance between Asiatic wisdom and Western learning. This in itself brings us nearer to Christ. By its music, its mysticism, and its canticles, the world is the music of Jesus' own day. He is said to have sung at the Last Supper, and according to one apocryphal Book of John, he danced a round-dance with his disciples. But scholars still debate the actual sounds he might have heard and made and moved to. They could very well have been close to the plain song of Daniel and Herod, for he prayed and taught in the Jewish synagogues and temples, from which this music, with its Hebraic intonations, meters, and cadences, originally derived. A blending of Oriental melodic improvisations with Latin order, rhyme, and discipline, this medieval music bridges the distance between Asiatic wisdom and Western learning. This in itself brings us nearer to Christ. By its music, its mysticism, and the texts, Pro Musica recreates for us Christ's Christmas—a rare achievement.

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