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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

Antiques

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E.M.—Kennett Square, Pa.

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R.C. McG.—Los Angeles, Calif.

Your handsome American Fancy-chair with gilded decorative designs probably dates between 1820 and 1830.

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This is a platter once owned by my grandmother. Here is the mark on it. What do you know about this ware?

B.T.B., Jr.—Oceanside, Calif.

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DUTCH TEAPOT
From this photograph, can you tell me anything about my teapot? It has no identifying markings. F.V.—Terre Haute, Ind.

Your Gandy Dutch teapot decorated with the "King's Rose" pattern was made at a Staffordshire pottery, perhaps Spode, 1820-1825. The form was taken from a silver model.

AMERICAN AUTOHARP
I have an early autoharp. Do you know anything about the history of these instruments?
M.B.C.—San Diego, Cal.

The autoharp was created by Charles F. Zimmernann in 1882 as a mechanical aid in teaching his tone number system. Fortunately, the instrument was adopted by gifted performers not dependent on musical notation, who made of it an American folk instrument. Modern instruments look and sound no different from the early ones.

GERMAN CHINA MARKS
These three marks appear on some china I inherited. What do they signify?
I.H.—Hackettsboum, N.J.

The first mark was used by a porcelain factory started in 1869 by Reinhold Schlegelmilch at Tillowitz, Germany. The second was used at one started in 1861 by Erdmann Schlegelmilch at Suhl, Prussia, as was the third. Quantities of this porcelain were exported to the U.S. and in recent years have been attracting collectors.

QUEEN ANNE DRESSING MIRROR
My lacquered dressing mirror can also be used for writing. Is this rare? K.S.—New York, N.Y.

In early examples of dressing mirrors mounted on a "box" stand, about 1695, the stand was often a miniature desk, the slant-front opening to serve as a writing board and disclose small pigeonholes. The long drawer below was fitted with toilet accessories. Those with writing equipment would be more highly valued.
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BY MARY ELIZABETH FALTER

Happy Housekeeper

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Home sewing is really booming these days—particularly with the young. Tina’s had a sewing machine for about two years and has turned out some highly successful clothes. Many of her friends and lots of the young wives we know are making clothes as well as doing needlepoint and other types of needlework. Keeping everything organized is a problem, however, so this Christmas I’m giving Tina a group of special storage boxes for sewing materials. I bought her a roomy two-tray sewing chest with multiple compartments designed to hold the new larger spools of thread, scissors, pins and needles, fasteners, and oddments such as binding tape. I added a pattern file and some clear plastic storage boxes that stack and will be good for leftover fabrics, trimming, and her needlepoint projects. There’s room on her closet shelf for all of them. The organizers, made by the Hugh H. Wilson Company, are sold under the name Wil-hold.

While in the post office, the other day, I picked up some useful information. I asked the man behind the counter what to do with stamps that have become glued to each other because they have gotten damp. I had an eight-dollar roll of stamps that met this fate in the humidity last summer. He said to soak the stamps in warm water until they are separated, then put them face down on a piece of blotting paper, pressing them flat. When the stamps are completely dry, they will be as good as new, except that you have to put a little fresh glue or paste on them to make them adhere to a letter.

Also at the post office I came across a little book about stamps by the United States Postal Service called Stamps & Stories. I bought one and was amazed at how much information it contains. It’s a complete record and descriptive explanation of all the U.S. and United Nations stamps, and it demonstrates how stamps reflect the history of our country. At two dollars, it will make an unusual Christmas present for a youngster, along with some sheets of our complete record and descriptive explanation of all the U.S. and one cent stamps. It’s a surprisingly dry, they will be as good as new, except that you have to put a little fresh glue or paste on them to make them adhere to a letter.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT IDEAS FOR THE HOUSE FIXER

by Will Morris

Security, more than ever a major factor in house design, is abetted by two new products. The Pyro-Guardion, an early warning fire and smoke detector, is made in two models. One is installed as part of a standard house wiring system when you are building or remodeling. The other has a cord to plug into a single electrical outlet. The FRU model, right, will sound a high frequency alarm simultaneously in six locations if a sensor detects smoke or fire in any of them. The plug-in model, FRU-1L with an 8-foot cord, will alert the area in which it is located. The unit is 6 inches long, 4 wide, and 2 deep. Pyrotechnics Division, Baker Industries, Inc. The Flashguard system, left, a house-wide burglar alarm installation, uses flash bulbs to trigger a general alarm bell. Instead of elaborately wired-in sensors at doors and windows there are Flashguard units without batteries or other power. Tripped when intruders break in, they release intense light from Sylvania Magicubes. This is detected by an Alarm Control Center even 50 feet away and the clanging bell is set off (100 decibels of sound for thirty minutes). But an Exit-Entry Control, with built-in time delays, allows you to enter and leave normally without setting off the alarm forcibly: entry would trigger. Flashguard, Inc.

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ThermaSol's Steam Bath permits any bathtub or stall shower (existing or under construction) to double as a steam room. The mini-electronic steam generator, only 20 inches long, 8 wide, and 11 high, can be located above shower or tub, in a cabinet or up to 50 feet away in closet, attic, or basement. Sliding glass panels (or shower doors for stall shower) enclosing tub where steam outlet is installed create the steam room. For a steam bath simply set the timer switch on bathroom wall for number of minutes you want to bathe and the rest is automatic. Steam starts in a few minutes and temperature rises gradually to the right level.

If you are tired of waiting for the plumber when you need repairs to plumbing and heating pipes, Mobile International has come up with a series of forty-three types of sturdy nylon fittings or connectors called "Click & Seal," below. With them a do-it-yourselfer can fit together either plastic or copper pipes in leakproof connections. He can also join old iron pipe with plastic or copper tubes. For kitchen or bathroom faucets, and lines to hot water heaters, water softeners, the connectors fit 13⁄8-, 1/2-, 31⁄2-inch-size pipes and need no solder or plastic cement seal. Just push the piping into the fitting and tighten the nylon nut with your fingers. The fittings for fresh, salt, or hot water pipes are from about 60¢ each.

For a do-it-yourselfer who wants to extend the use of his air conditioner and appliances, Mobile International has introduced a voltage indicator. The thermostats and synchronizers plug into any standard wall outlet and has a color-coded dial to indicate voltage ratings of low, normal, and high for AC current. If power fails or increases it registers accordingly; it's a safeguard against damage to your air conditioner and appliances. Plugged into the same double outlet as toaster or blender, it is a visual guardian for the appliances. It will also monitor incoming voltage for the whole house when plugged into one central outlet. The "Voltage Guard" unit for household use is priced at $7.95.
The textured weave in sun-drenched colors.
Sears Aquarius Draperies.

What a wonderful surprise! Ready-made draperies with the weight and fullness you thought you could find only in custom-made draperies. Aquarius draperies from Sears.

You'll fall in love with the many faces of Aquarius. With its luxurious fullness — as it drapes your windows with deep, rich folds. With its heavily woven texture. With its subtly blended colors — a mixture of both delicate and brilliant hues. All sun-resistant and colorfast. In many sizes, many colors. Perfect for patio windows, for casement windows or sliding glass doors. Made of 27% cotton, 73% rayon that's easily dry cleaned.

Discover Aquarius at most larger Sears, Roebuck and Co. stores and in the catalog. And nowhere else.
Keep their clothes bright.

Take them to your neighborhood One Hour “MARTINIZING” dry cleaner. He has the know-how to remove soil and stains from all your family's clothes and give them the fine finishing touches that can't be matched at home.

Trust your clothes to “MARTINIZING” professional care. And remember, there's no extra charge for fast service.

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**SOME NOTES ON GOOD LOOKS & GOOD HEALTH**

You're never motionless when perfume's energy is going for you

**BY REBECCA WARFIELD**

Haven't you noticed how irresistibly attractive a waterfall is? That gigantic display—that endless movement... and movement of course means life. Just so perfume is invisible motion, a sign that you are not standing idly by but are a participant ready for an interchange of energy. Interestingly, there are fashions in energy and always have been over the years, from the limp ones to the frenetic. People are very involved in energy but curiously this generation is drawn to a less direct pace, a simple one. Here are some of the developing attitudes in intensity. Some vary in tone of voice and there's the amazing interest in perfume as a topic (often at lunch, quite a lot now at dinner even).

**A PURE INTENSITY...** A new kind of perfume thinking has been happening lately. Under the direction of a nephew of the great Captain Malynex who directed his perfume laboratories, an assemblage of the essential oils from every flower that grows has been made at Bloomingdale's under the name of The Perfume Workshop. There are sixty-four essential oils and you can have that clear direction by adding to them and getting a lower profile by making a bath oil or cologne or sachets. This newness seems to be rampaging around the city—taken up particularly by young groups who are often turned off by complex things that try too hard. Among the essences that have been grabbed up and are speaking for certain well-known personalities are Tiger Lily (exotic, with a certain talent to amuse, not too sweet, but sweetish and can be modified to suit your taste), Iris (this astonishing word picture so vivid you can even see the special curly shapes of the flowers and the skinny green leaves swaying tall), Mignonette (seldom seen except in very old-fashioned gardens is here in its gray-green bunchy flower whose soul is its sublime perfume), Jonquil (this one will remind you of Ralph Hodgson's poem on another almost scentless flower "Clean as a lady, cool as glass, fresh without fragrance, the tulip was."). Rose (so brilliant, so preeminently rosy that with Kenneth Koch we might ask "Rose, where did you get that red?" In any case you would never ask "what," just "who.").

**PERFUME AS A CONVERSATION PIECE.** Pass it around after coffee... The days are long gone since women thought it was a part of their essential femininity not to disclose the name of their favorite perfume. Now, for one thing, there is always more than one that they like and very many women drop easily into a discussion of them. "Where did you get that perfume?" "I was at a party on the coast when I noticed it on a friend, although I had never heard of it before, I have been wearing it ever since." That's energy passing from person to person.

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If Colgate is just a kid's cavity fighter, how come Gwen Verdon won't brush with anything else?

The Sweet Charity of Gwen Verdon is well known to many people. For even while starring in Broadway hits from Damn Yankees to Redhead, Gwen’s life has been people. Teaching. Working with the underprivileged. Giving. That’s what Gwen Verdon is all about.

Gwen brushes with Colgate, a toothpaste for people who like people. Colgate freshens breath as long as a leading mouthwash as clinical test results show. And the taste is brisk and clean.

Only your dentist can give teeth a better fluoride treatment than Colgate with MFP. But a great cavity fighter can be a powerful breath freshener, too.

If you like people, be sure you brush with Colgate. Gwen Verdon wouldn’t think of brushing with anything else.

Colgate with MFP... the breath-freshening cavity fighter.
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Now Andy Lucarelli who has just imagined a men’s line of immense style has made this topic into reality. He has designed a quite beautiful little clear plastic bottle that looks like crystal, is domed and faceted, and holds solid perfume. It is done like a jewel and the cover is hinged. The scent is called Interlude and the texture is unusually creamy. When spirits lag after dinner, this little jewel can be passed around, dipped into, and suddenly there seems to be more energy in the room.

THE ENERGY DEAL. Here are perfumes, some classic, some actually historic, but one way or another each packed with its own kind of energy message, and not one of them is passive or lackadaisical.

Nectar . . . a skin oil as sheer as a well-meant lie. It’s new and wonderful and makes Jean d’Albret’s Ecussen even more pleasurable than in its original formulation. High and wild, like a mythic tale of almost unbearable adventure and mystery.

Detchena by Revillon, a satisfactory composition, not too facile or leaning over backward to please. And although this may turn some people off, it’s going to grab certain others because it is known as the intellectual’s perfume.

Jicky by Guerlain has been jouncing along from the thirties, includes the rhythm of the Charleston and all that, but forget the nostalgia. The reason for Jicky is its incredible energy quotient, rollicking, alive, bouncy.

Givenchy III by Givenchy. The voice and energy of the worldly young who travel around the Mediterranean beaches, the Club Marbeille, the island of Sardinia, the spots where there is plenty of exuberance, no pretension—very laughy. The people whose message this sends turn up at all the sunny, fashiony beaches across the world. They enclose their own energy.

Eve by Eve of Roma comes over with the most outgoing assurance—not stuck-up but delivered with so much confidence that their good opinion of you is an unusual and valuable compliment. The message you get from this is like sitting beside someone at dinner from whom you learn something at last, something stimulating that you’ve always wanted to know.

Private Collection by Estée Lauder . . . Though Mrs. Lauder is deeply drawn to perfume and has many celebrated, well-liked ones in her collection, she wears only one. Soon this—Private Collection—will be open to the public. It is a tenuous, soft, very raffiné breeze of a perfume. What you sense immediately is a rustle of leaves and branches, greenness, a summer in summer, a summer in winter. These leaves don’t seem heavy and overwhelming, but rather like a stand of locust where the tiny little leaves let the sunlight through to the ground beneath. Private Collection is a glad perfume.
Here are some truly thoughtful gifts that say "Merry Christmas." Surprises as practical as a potato peeler or as frivolous as a candelabrum carrousel, they all radiate the magic of Christmas in a personal way. For information on these, plus dozens of gifts you can buy please turn the page.
HOUSE GIFTS
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From this moment on, all other clocks are behind the times.

The clock that's always gaining or losing time is now as obsolete as the hourglass.

A victim of changing times. Because of a new clock called the Clarity Quartzmatic.

It runs on a principle different from ordinary clocks.
While ordinary clocks divide a second into four or five parts, the Clarity Quartzmatic divides a second into 250,000 parts.

The greater the number, the smaller the chance for error.

The Clarity's power needs are small, too.

It runs on a pair of C sized batteries that'll set you back by very little.

The Clarity Quartzmatic by Westclox. You might say it's timekeeping's finest hour.

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A TALLEY INDUSTRIES COMPANY

A Potato peeler—with lettuce spinner attachment—is almost as fast as "1 Potato, 2 Potato." And it peels carrots, beets, and such, too. Manual-operated. Heavy-duty plastic in six colors, brass core. 5 inches wide. By Eva, $10.90. At Epi-Curious.

A pet to needlepoint—the gingham dog. 13 inches high. Kit includes canvas, thread, needle, and instructions. Backing not included. $15. By Elizabeth Buttte for The Works.

A knife that chops and cuts and breezes through hair with a purr—almost as fast as "1 Potato, 2 Potato." And it peels carrots, beets, and such, too. Manual-operated. Heavy-duty plastic in six colors, brass core. 5 inches wide. By Eva, $10.90. At Epi-Curious.

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50 unique presents from museums and stores across the country

BY MAGGIE MORSE

Do you agree that the closer one gets to Christmas the more unusual a gift must be to catch one's attention? A sure-fire way out of the doldrums is shopping at museum stores. Most of the gifts are exclusive, and the designs are authentic—they have a past behind them. They're gifts that are as much fun to give as to receive. And gifts—often at a surprisingly modest profit—to the museums as well. We've gathered together, from all over the country, gifts from museums, historic landmarks, and a sprinkling of stores that you can buy right in your own house.

TO ENCHANT CHILDREN

The Most Beautiful Star in the World, a storybook to hang about a boy's search for a Christmas star in the world around him. You read a page a day—a sleeve keeps the next pages hidden. The pages grow shorter as you read, their borders stacking up to a Christmas tree at the end. Four years and up. $3.75, The New York Public Library.

To keep little people busy before the official unwrapping, in the patient Cut & Glue Department, a charming Dutch cottage, green with a red tile roof. On a riverbank, with folded paper drawbridge and boat! by 10 inches assembled. $3.50. The Museum of the City of New York. Or a toy stage with players, sets, and script—"Cinderella" or "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves." About 12 inches high. $4.70 each, The New York Public Library.

An old-fashioned china doll that looks like a real baby. Wind the key, she turns her head and plays Brahms's lullaby. 14 inches high. $15.50, The Museum of the City of New York.

A red and green steam tractor that runs on wood alcohol, 10 inches long. $36.50, The Museum of the City of New York.


Great posters for a child's room, authentic reproductions of 19th-century posters: a firetruck arriving at a fire in "The Life of a Fireman" and a steam locomotive in "Across the Continent," each 22½ by 22½ inches, each $4. The Museum of the City of New York. Or cowboy posters that are reproductions of paintings by Remington or Russell. Send $2.50 for the "list of publications" from The Amon Carter Museum, or $2.50 for the "gift shop catalogue" from The Thomas Gilcrease Institute.

More Western lore: books by explorers and cowboys themselves, such as Pony Tracks, written and illustrated by Frederick Remington. $3.45 each, from The Thomas Gilcrease Institute. Many other titles in the catalogue.

STOCKING STUFFERS

"Our Bird Friends," cards for "Go Fish" or guessing games, with colored picture, description, names, call, nesting habits, and a literary "bird" quote on each card. $3. The New York Public Library.

Glad tidings: Beatrix Potter and her peers are in paperback! So small children can love them and no harm done if they tear them. A few of the many titles—$1.05 each—are The Tale of Peter Rabbit, The Tailor of Gloucester—how mice save Christmas Day—and Robert Louis Stevenson's A Child's Garden of Verses.

Where has Kate Greenaway gone? Wherever, she's come back as a coloring book in hardcover. $3.75, The New York Public Library. Two coloring books that are reproductions of woodcuts from very early books: Dragons and Other Animals and Noah's Ark. White paper. 75c each, The Walters Art Gallery.

To inspire young artists, The Totem Pole of Sakai wan, a book of blockprints by young people in the Saturday Class Program of The Portland Art Museum. Each child took a different legend of the Northwest Coast Indians and illustrated it. Paperback, 10½ by 8½ inches. $3.50 plus postage, The Portland Art Museum.


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GIVE YOURSELF A COCKTAIL PRETTY

The Allegro II cocktail table. Elegant bamboo turnings, delicate fretwork, and a beveled glass top that's cocktail-proof. Just one of 48 lovely pieces in two lighthearted finishes: Pearl, a lovely brushed white with subtle glazing, and Fresh Lemon, a lovely soft brushed yellow.

For the name of the Thomasville Allegro II dealer nearest you, call this toll-free number anytime: 800-243-6500. (In Conn.: 800-882-6500.) Or write Thomasville. Box HG2, Thomasville, N.C. 27360.

Silver Cachepot

The ultimate in flower pot holders...in gleaming silver-plated basketweave design to transform your standard red clay pots into a decorator's dream. A new Gorham Original. These flower pot holders are available in three sizes—4½” round, $14.95; 6”, $19.95; 7½”, $22.50. Cachepots double as gourmet servers for a variety of tasty nibbles or hearty rolls. At finest jewelry stores and silverware departments.

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WHAT TO GIVE A GOOD COOK?

Or, for that matter, the dieter: A balance scale calibrated in ounces and grams, wet and dry measure. Perfect for "translating" foreign recipes. Modern, sculptural, it hangs on the wall for efficient storage. Capacity 17 ounces. Weighs letters, too. $15.50 from Williams-Sonoma.

A small spiral-bound paperback cookbook—The Pueblo Indian Cookbook, with over 50 authentic recipes such as Pumpkin Phin Bread, Green Tomato Stew, and Beef Jerky. Adobe-colored. $1.64 by writing "Cookbook," The Museum of New Mexico.

For a country kitchen, salt and pepper frogs with green spots on orange body; $7. Matching batter dish, $7.75 including gift wrap From The Very Thing.

Quilted patchwork potholders almost too pretty to use—in brilliant contrasting colors such as orange and bright blue, or red, black, and yellow, or in tiny pastel flower prints. A very modern approach to gingham. 7½ inches square. By Terry Wheatley. $1.75 each plus postage. From Earth Works.

TO SPREAD COMFORT ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE

Handcrocheted Irish bedspreads in the lacy, square Afghan stitch. Many colors (they'll send swatches) or one of three natural colors: white sheep, black sheep, or merino (brownish-gray). Allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery. $30.95 from The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Or unusual "Log Cabin" pillows made of thin parallel patchwork strips, each strip padded so that it curves out like a tiny log. These pillows, about 14 inches square, have four "logs"—on-the-diagonal squares at right angles. A pattern that takes skill to do—yet, with bright colors, as modern as Op Art. All cotton. 2 weeks delivery. $48 each plus postage from the John Rugge Shop.

For Christmas in southern climates—or to simulate That Southern Christmas in the den—a monogrammed hammock. Heavy tobacco brown canvas, triangular, with a pole at each end to keep it from buckling. Brown stenciled initials—up to 3. With hanging ropes. $37 from Sakowitz.
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We present Carousel: A most marvelous lighter value that's even more exciting to light. A fingertip touch adjusts the flame lower for cigarettes, higher for cigars and pipes. It works on tasteless Butane, from a Ronson Multi-Fill injector. Fuels in seconds, lights for months, lasts for years. That's pretty close to perpetual light.
When we set out to design a new lounger, we asked ourselves these questions.

Why should a man have fond memories of the rocker on the front porch at the old home place and not have a rocker in his own home?

Why should a man be able to lie down in a lawn chair in the backyard and not be able to do the same thing indoors?

Why should a man be able to swivel around in the chair where he works and not be able to do it at home?

Frankly, we could think of no reasonable answers. So we created the Burris Trio Lounger. In its upright position, as you can see, it’s truly a beautiful piece of furniture.

It swivels 360° and has a nice gentle rock. It also reclines to (1) a “TV position” (you can still see, but if the show gets boring, you can doze off comfortably) and (2) a full lounging position with independent back and seat for a nice long nap.

The Trio Lounger comes in a wide variety of styles, all featuring upholstery fabrics of DuPont Soft-Textured Nylon, which means that it’s easy to take care of and will look good for a long, long time.

There are chairs that do some of the things the Trio Lounger does, but there’s no chair or lounger in America that does everything the Trio Lounger does. See it at your Burris dealer. It makes several great gifts.
The big, "coffee-table" books are ready for Christmas presents, and if you choose carefully, selecting books that appeal to the special interests of your family and friends, you can’t find presents that are more welcome.

Nostalgia is big this year in books as much as in theatre, fashion, pop music. Movie and theatre goers will have many happy hours poring over Dorothy and Lillian Gish (Scribners, $19.95) with text by Lillian herself. Over 800 photographs mirror the careers of these remarkable sisters, which span more than sixty years. Since they appeared with almost all the major stars of screen and stage, the book is a delightful history of 20th-century entertainment... Esquire's Encyclopedia of 20th Century Men's Fashions (McGraw-Hill, $35) by O. E. Schoeller and William Gale is another amusing "trip down memory lane" demonstrating that men's styles have been almost as subject to designers' whims as have been women's. The drawings and photographs make amusing browsing; the text is so comprehensive that this book is the definitive work on the subject of contemporary man's fashions.

Happy Times (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, $25) with text by Brendan Gill is a feast of pictures from the past. Gill, who, over the years, has photographed, mostly in candid shots, the great and near great in the arts and Cafe and then Jet Society. They're all here—art work and very much at play and if you're over thirty, there's hardly a page on which you won't recognize some of your favorite stars or people whose names made, and in many cases still make, news.

Another kind of nostalgia is represented by the interest in the great palaces and mansions of other days still in existence. They're fun to wonder at and fantasize. A look at the splendor of czarist Russia can be had in The Palaces of Leningrad (Putnam, $25) by Victor and Audrey Kent. Dozens of these fabulous places give ample evidence of the incredible opulence in which the nobility lived... Great Houses of Italy (Viking, $28.50) by Harold Acton presents the magnificent Tuscan villas, many by architects such as Buontalenti and Sangello. Alexander Zelendorf's photographs pinpoint the architectural glories, the rich interiors, the splendid gardens, while the urbane text traces the history of the villas.

Some of America's finest old houses, furnished with original pieces or similar ones of the same period, are lovingly photographed in Great Houses (Pye Press, $15) edited by Constance M. Greiff. These appeared originally in Antiques magazine and represent a rich assortment of our most affluent period houses.

If, on the other hand, you prefer contemporary decoration with ideas you can adapt to your own lifestyle, get Bloomberg's Book of Home Decorating (Harper & Row, $10.95) by Barbara D'Arcy, for many years the top interior designer at New York's distinguished department store. Ranging from traditional to no-holds-barred ways, the rooms, many of which have appeared in House & Garden, are fun to look at and Miss D'Arcy offers excellent practical advice on how to shop the department stores and what to look for in the furniture and fabrics you buy.

Nature and garden lovers are not neglected: Seasons (Lippincott, $12.95 until Dec. 31; then $14.95) has an evocative text by expert nature writer Hal Borland and photographs of shimmering beauty by Les Line. The subject matter is covered by the title—beauties of nature throughout the year... The International Book of Trees (Simon and Schuster, $29.95) by Hugh Johnson, illustratedNOPAGY and entirely in color, shows all the major garden and forest trees including such rare flowering trees as the snow-bells of Japan. The book also serves as a practical guide, telling how to select trees, plant them, care for them.

Two great bets for flower lovers (and art lovers): The Book of Flowers (McGraw-Hill, $24.95 until Dec. 31, then $30) by Alice M. Coats has woodcuts, water colors, engravings, lithographs illustrating the history of flower-printing throughout the centuries. Great Flower Pointers (Over) Continued on page 49
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“Everyone who cooks a lot enjoys a new cookbook—no matter how many she already has”

BOOKS TO GIVE FOR CHRISTMAS continued

Look Press, Viking, $27.95) by Peter Mitchell traces the development of flower painting from 17th-century Europe to outstanding European and American paintings of the 19th and 20th centuries.

For the esthete on your list: Prismatic (Harper & Row, $22.50) by renowned photographer David Douglas Duncan who, subtitled his book “Exploring a new world,” says of his new technique “I wanted to fragment then reassemble the subjects before me, limited only by my imagination and ability to fulfill it.” The result is a collection of startling, unique photographs—the subject matter limited only by my imagination and ability to fulfill it. The scope of the book—from the earliest American works to most contemporary—make it a must for everyone's library. The Artists' America (American Heritage, $16.95 until Dec. 31; then $19.95) by Marshall B. Davidson reveals how American artists have preserved and mirrored the American scene from Colonial days to the present. All important artists and every school of art are represented.

A splendid introduction to the whole spectrum of antiques The Collectors' Encyclopedia of Antiques (Crowell, $17.50 until Dec. 31; then $20) edited by Phoebe Phillips contains over 2000 illustrations with quick, concise text, describing every type of antique imaginable. For each category—of great use to neophyte collectors—there are notes on fakes and forgeries, repairs and maintenance, a useful glossary and bibliography for further reading ... For the specialist—and all armchair birdwatchers, the really beautiful Book of British Birds (Norton, $17.95). A superb job.

Now that mainland China is a U.N. member, we've had a surging interest in its past and present. For a splendid look, both in stunning photographs and incisive text, at China today, Dawn Wakes in the East (Harper & Row, $17.50) by Audrey Topping is the thing. To learn something of its cultural heritage: The Dynasties and Treasures of China (Viking, $16.95) by Bamber Gascoigne.

TOO MANY COOKS, MAYBE, BUT NEVER TOO MANY COOKBOOKS

Everyone who cooks a lot enjoys a new cookbook—no matter how many she or he already has. There are always some new recipes to try, novel twists on old standbys, new techniques. Here are a few recent books, not perhaps for the beginner, that take you away from the routine manual: The Seven Centuries Cookbook (McGraw-Hill, $10.95) by Maxime McKendry. Recipes of the English cuisine from Richard III to Elizabeth II are presented first in their original form ("Take Creme a gode cupfulle, & put it on a straynonre"").

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You can if you hold this page up to the light.


“Many people today are rediscovering the great taste of homemade breads”

BOOKS TO GIVE FOR CHRISTMAS continued

..., then updated and adapted for the 20th-century American cook. Tired of Hamburger? Try Spitzcocked Eels (1817), Hotchpot (1669), Artichoke Pie (1732) ... Recipes from the Auberge of the Flowering Hearth (Bobbs Merrill, $14.95) by Roy Andries de Groot. Gastronome de Groot visited this delightful hostel in the French Alps, records the menus served there throughout the year, and gives recipes for the extraordinary dishes prepared by the two proprietresses. The recipes have all been tested and adapted for American kitchens. (For a sample of the book’s charm—and a recipe —see page 108) ... Much Entertainment (Liveright, $10) by Virginia Maclean is “a visual and culinary record of Johnson and Boswell’s tour of Scotland in 1773.” From the reminiscences of the famous doctor and his amanuensis, Mrs. Maclean has compiled a book about their gastronomic adventures, what they ate, where, and with whom, and she has adapted recipes from 18th- and early 19th-century cookbooks, so you can duplicate the meals ... The Cornucopia (Harper & Row, $12.50 through Dec. 31; then $15) by Judith Herman and Marguerite Shaleit Herman. The best way to describe this book is to quote from its title page: “Being a Kitchen Entertainment and Cookbook ... containing Good Reading and Good Cookery from more than 500 years of Recipes, Food Lore & ... as conceived and expounded by the Great Chefs & Gourmets of the Old and New Worlds between the years 1390 and 1899.”

People who like cooking regional dishes should try Feast of Italy (Crowell, $12.95) translated from the Arnoldo Mondadori edition. The recipes range from simple folk dishes—spaghetti and clams—to highly complex extravaganza—onion and herb chicken baked in bread. Each dish is illustrated in full color in its finished version, so you know what it should look like and how it should be presented ... There’s always room for an interesting new book on French cuisine—in this case The Hundred Glories of French Cooking (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, $12.50 until Dec. 31; then $15) by Robert Courtine, a noted French writer on food, who chooses what he considers the 100 best French dishes. Each of the recipes is preceded by an illustrative, amusing, or instructive anecdote, so you’ll find it’s a book to read as well as use.

Many people today are rediscovering the great taste of homemade breads. You can, too, with the anagrammatically titled Beard on Bread (Knopf, $7.95) by James Beard, perhaps America’s best-known male cook, whose recipes have been used by most Americans. All that need be said, perhaps, is that Mr. Beard offers 100 of his favorite bread recipes with variations ... Bread—Making It the Natural Way (Lippincott, $7.95) by Joan Wiener and Diana Collier has fully illustrated step-by-step basic instructions for breads, rolls, muffins, biscuits, scones, the works. The authors prefer—but do not insist on—the use of natural foods as ingredients in all breads.

NEW THIS YEAR FROM HOUSE & GARDEN

We have three new books for you this year to give as Christmas presents: House & Garden’s Party Menu Cookbook ($9.95) edited by José Wilson contains menus, recipes, ideas for every kind of party imaginable from an intimate dinner to a major effort, many culled from the great hostesses and cooks of our day ... House & Garden’s Antiques: Questions and Answers ($9.95) is a compilation of the best of Louise Ade Boger’s popular monthly columns (see page 8), profusely illustrated and covering the whole gamut of antiques ... House & Garden’s Drink Guide ($8.95) edited by Colette Richardson offers recipes of many little known and unusual drinks as well as all the reliable standards that are used by mixologists throughout the world. All three of the books are published by Simon and Schuster.

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CHRISTMAS IS...

Christmas is a mystical feeling found on a farm in the wilderness.
Candia Ogle, age 14

Christmas is our tree from the forest and milk from the cows.
Clare Ellis, age 8

Christmas is like a cease-fire—the whole world is happy for a day.
Jessica Kagan, age 14

Christmas is...watching happy and excited expressions.
Lydia MacLear, age 15

Christmas is most of all...the joy that is in the air.
Laura Davis, age 11

Christmas is a time of anticrime.
Benjamin Beardwood, age 10

Just imagine...a Christmas in the woods!
Carla Weisberg, age 11

Christmas is good.
Christmas is wonderful.
Fiona Kotar, age 7

Christmas is the magic you make yourself...
to help you communicate your happiness.
The fun of making things for Christmas

Christmas fun is getting things done, things that make a house merry and bright, like your own tree ornaments, handmade gifts (even handmade wrapping paper), a kissing ball for the front hall, a gingerbread house for the mantel—all great delights that a family can do to make the holidays sparkle. The Vladimir Kagan family, opposite page, are great enthusiasts for making Christmas a magic time. Mrs. Kagan is Erica Wilson, known for her designs, kits, and books on embroidery. One of her designs, above, which comes in a kit made especially for House & Garden, is a needlepointed house. It’s nestled here on a background of tapestry, more of Erica’s embroidery work. More things the Kagans make and more ideas from children, to bake and sew, needlepoint and paint, are all on the following pages.
Great embroidery ideas by Erica Wilson

Designs to make in needlepoint, crewel, bargello

Jessica Kagan, opposite page, loves to do embroidery and crafts, but admits she will never have as fast a need as her famous mother, Erica Wilson. For Christmas, she’s busy making a village of miniature houses, churches, trees. The cone-shaped tree, far right, is worked on plastic canvas in acrylic yarn. $10 for complete crewelpoint kit. Little houses are needlepointed on plastic canvas, come in lots of colors. Each kit makes three houses, or two houses and church. $5.95. They are quick to stitch, easy to assemble, fun for children beginning to do needlepoint. For the advanced, who want to learn all about embroidery and how to do hundreds of stitches, see Erica Wilson’s Embroidery Book (Scribners, $14.95). To subscribe to her quarterly newsletter, The Creative Needle, send $3. This, and all kits on these pages may be ordered from Erica Wilson’s Needle Works, 717 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10021. There is also a correspondence course available that teaches thirty-two needlepoint and crewel stitches. It consists of a book with photographs and diagrams for each stitch, wools, canvas. $60. When ordering kits or courses, add 60¢ postage.

Clay figures, below, are more of Jessica’s work—she makes tiny people and animals to go with her Christmas village of needlepointed houses and trees. Owl, right, is part of a custom designed crewel wall hanging of a tree and flowers. Approximately 36 by 76 inches, $300. “Hunca Munca, Housewife,” far right, is taken from Beatrix Potter’s famous book and is worked in crewel wool on imported linen. About 15 inches square. $18.50. Embroidery can be turned into tabletop picture.

Vanessa, above, is a Christmas portrait wearing her tree-trimming dress, a pinafore, shadow work embroidered by her mother. She’s posing in the family car, a Model T. To learn to do shadow-work embroidery, order Erica’s course, $35. Course comes with pictures, instructions, everything to make an organdy pillow.

Miniature houses, above, are needlepointed and come in a kit of three, $5.95, each measuring approximately 3 inches square. They are sitting on a bargello sampler that would make a wall hanging about 26 by 28 inches, or four different pillows. The sampler is part of Erica Wilson’s bargello course that can be ordered by mail and comes complete with book, instructions, wools, and canvas. $60. Heart pillow, right, is crewel on cotton, about 11 by 12 inches and complete with a 3½-inch-wide lace for ruffling. On the back, embroider a Christmas message. $12.50. To design your own crewel, order wool in assorted colors, ten skeins, $4.75.
Smiling pansy pillows are done in quickpoint in pretty pastels. They are worked on #5 canvas and measure 16 inches in diameter. Order by colors, in yellows and oranges, $3.10A; in shades of pink, $3.10B; and in the blues and lavenders, $3.10C. Each, $2.20.

Kits are simplified versions of the pansies shown here, which were embroidered by Erica Wilson herself when she was working out the design. Kits do not include the filling or backing.

Scrimshaw, above, was done by Erica’s husband, Vladimir Kagan, a contemporary furniture designer and craftsman in his own right. His scrimshaw shows a Nantucket scene, where the family spend their summers. A design like this, or one of your own originals, can be translated into an embroidered work. Finest linen fabrics are available for the custom designs, which include wall hangings, seat cushions, curtains. Custom work, for a 12-inch square, begins at $60. The crewel Christmas tree, left, stands 12 inches high, is embroidered in wool on linen and comes complete with its Styrofoam cone. $15. The natural wooden base for the tree is $4.
Red letters are pillows made by Candia Ogle in a fit of needlepointing activity that has "been going on for years," she says. She stuffs her pillows with fiberfill, backs them with red felt, and goes from the small pincushion size up to the 12-inch square. (The only letters she doesn't like making are K and R.) "I make so many of these pillows—we play Scrabble with them." Candia turns out the pillows with the assistance of her old nurse, who helps her stuff and sew them. To order: $25 each, Cache-Cache.

A kissing ball makes a hall merry. Lydia MacLear puts the finishing touches on her traditional holiday kissing ball. She uses boxwood, sprigs of mistletoe, and narrow red satin ribbon, but actually any holiday greens can be made into a kissing ball. A potato is the center (moisture keeps greens fresh), 6-inch pieces of boxwood are poked all over to make a ball of greens. Ribbons and mistletoe are wired to toothpicks and stuck in here and there. A larger spray of mistletoe can be wired the same way and hung in the bottom; and at the top, another pick and wire to hang the ball. "I make one to hang, one to give to grandmother, and one for the dog to chew up."
Bean-bags, marble paper, clothespin dolls: a medieval room and castle

One young lady makes a wide range of gifts: Amy LeSueur, below, shows her medieval room and castle. Medieval furniture is cardboard covered with Hyplar modeling paste. Wall hangings and rugs are postcards. “Pillows are sewed with mice stitching,” Castle uses Ajax cans, a papier-mâché mix for moat, celluloid turrets. Her manuscript writing is with India ink and watercolors, left, on typing paper dipped in tea and then ironed. Her bean-bags are Winnie-the-Pooh characters of embroidered felt, filled with split peas (“lentils are too expensive”), sewed together, trimmed with pinking shears. Clothespin dolls 2 and 3 are dressed with scraps, have pipe-cleaner arms, shoes and faces drawn with magic markers. Marble paper is adapted from a Williamsburg recipe and is used for wrapping presents, covering boxes and frames. Medieval room is a gift for Amy’s grandmother. Tea tin covered in marble paper, for a plant.
Making Christmas magic

Painting, stitching and craft ideas

happen with Carla Weisberg, an eleven year old talent who makes a whole range of presents for family and friends. She's showing one of her first animal drawings 1 a turtle done in a kaleidoscope of color. Her dog Te-We. 2 is inspiration for one of her Christmas portraits, 3 painted in acrylics on cardboard. She does animals, as well as abstract designs, in needlepoint too, and always keeps her work basket of wool and canvas 4 beside her bed. (She does her needlepoint designs freehand, without painting on the canvas first.) Desk 5 is brimming with Carla's handmade things: a wooden cat, to be used as a cutting board, recent drawings, papier-mâché animals, school mementos, her bulletin board of current art ideas and things young girls collect. Carla's gift for her father 6 is Magic Marker painted.

Two good friends bake a gingerbread house every year

Alison Head, twelve, and Laura Davis, eleven, have been baking a gingerbread house every Christmas for six years. Laura explains how the house evolved: “That first house had icing on the roof, and it fell right off when it was dry; windows were just pieces of candy. In '68 we developed a new roof, tiny marshmallows stuck on with icing, and in '71 we made another improvement by using melted barley-sugar candy for windows. House pieces 1 are made from gingerbread cookie recipe with extra flour added to make a very stiff dough. End pieces 2 are pentagons; sides and two roof pieces are rectangles. Two little gingerbread figures 3 in Alison's jean pockets are later dressed with frosting and colored sugar. All the house parts are glued together 4 and 5 with icing, and the parts are held with needles pushed through the joints. The marshmallow roofing goes on next 6 and then the real fun begins 7 when the girls seriously begin to decorate, a full afternoon’s delight.
Here are some tips from the girls: First, make a cardboard pattern of the house parts. Mix gingerbread, cut to size, melt barley sugar candy, put in place before baking. Bake on a very well greased pan for maximum hardness, at least 10 to 12 minutes. Decoration ideas: trees of pine cones sprinkled with powdered sugar; paths of sliced gumdrops; flowers of gumdrops pressed out flat, then rolled up to look like roses; a wreath from a large green gumdrop, the bottom sliced off, a hole in the middle, red candy trim.
HOW TO MAKE CHRISTMAS A VERY SPECIAL DAY

"THERE IS STILL MAGIC, THERE IS CHRISTMAS"

by Dee Hardie

Christmas, if you look at a calendar, happens all by itself. But to celebrate Christmas, truly celebrate, takes direction. Christmas is the center stage of a sublime season. Not a production but a festival prompted by love and care and concern. And Christmas Eve, with those wonderful backstage whispers of children, is the only First Night that ends with high anticipation and expectation. The house lights are dimmed and the leading man makes his entrance down the chimney. There is still magic, there is Christmas.

With Christmas comes a spirit that spreads like the boughs of your tree the day after you’ve decorated its green limbs with new tinsel and old treasures. With this spirit comes a certain grace of giving, of receiving, and of sharing.

Here, to open before Christmas, are special gifts, of moods and memories; ideas personal and purposeful gathered from all over, showing how some people make Christmas merry and lively and warm for their families and friends, and for themselves—especially once a year.

In London, where the first Christmas card was designed in 1843, Commander and Mrs. Edward Reilly-Collins ribbon their long, narrow front hallway with bright cards. Against the high white walls in their Cadogan Gardens flat, Mrs. Reilly-Collins hangs almost floor-length streamers of broad, 3-inch red ribbon from the very top. But first she staples the ribbons with their cards, about 5 inches apart. "After years of living in a country house and decorating for Christmas with wild abandon, I found Christmas cards a marvelous answer for decorating in town," she says. "And I like their gaiety against the stark walls and how they greet friends and flutter when the front door opens . . ."

For author Walter Lord of New York City, the sending of Christmas cards plays a special part. "I try to find a card that is connected with writing or with some project I’m working on at the moment," says Mr. Lord, a bachelor, whose books range from A Night To Remember to his latest, The Dawn’s Early Light.

"So far nothing unusual," he adds, "but now comes the beauty part. I always do my cards in Albany. This custom goes back to an evening shortly before Christmas twenty-five years ago. I was ad- (Continued on page 159)
Christmas is for grandchildren, designer Adele Simpson believes. And so, as she and her husband Wesley travel during the year, they buy the makings of a Christmas in foreign markets and bring them home to arrange a miniature world for their three grandsons, now just at the ages when things from far away are fascinating. This year the trips were to India and the Orient. Tiny satin toys from Hong Kong, opposite page, embroidered and outlined in gold cord—some horses, a camel, a fantailed goldfish, a green-jacketed fuzzy Pekingese pouncing on a ball—play on a wreath hung above the library fireplace, between fierce Chinese hand puppets and toy birds that swing from bell-strung hoops, left. The candlesticks below are Indian, spindles brightly enameled and trimmed in gold. In the downstairs taproom, above, old beams and wide board floors form an Early American setting for striking hobbyhorses from India, caparisoned in mirror-studded embroidery from Cutch, bridled in silver and hitched to the fireplace with gold Christmas balls tied into their forelocks. Above an enormous bull mask, Spanish prints of horses at the bullfights.
A PARTY FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN THAT GROWS AS THEY DO

Christmas for Cornelius and Kathryn Morgan Ryan is a huge party just before the twenty-fifth, different each year, for friends and their children. Years ago, Santa used to visit on Christmas Eve. Now sophisticated young people home from college put on evening dress to enjoy themselves with their parents. There's always music—as Mrs. Ryan's father, former Senator Eldon M. Morgan, read the Christmas story, a Salvation Army quartet struck up "Joy to the World" outside, then came in to lead guests in carols. Afterward, dinner and a dance. Mrs. Ryan decorates the house with florist Jay Pinchbeck, right, but guests decorate the tree with their presents.
The dining room changes to accommodate the party. This year it's lime green, and Dickens for dinner: steak and kidney pie, rice molds trimmed with green beans and red beets, and for dessert three huge plum puddings in flames, on a table trimmed with orange trees and holly. Polly Forcelli, presiding in the kitchen, is as much a tradition as the party: “Friends say hello—and head for the kitchen,” laughs Mrs. Ryan. The chairs are 18th-century Italian, each painted differently. The china is Royal Crown Derby Imari.

The party has grown with the children. “We consider it our present to our old and dear friends,” says Mrs. Ryan, and many of them make a great effort to get there from all over the world. The house seems to encourage friendly crowds. Living room and library, below, are separated only by a see-through fireplace of white brick. The vinyl floor, laid brick by brick within enclosures of wood strips, makes a warm and cheerful surface for dancing. The musicians sit on an upstairs balcony that overlooks everything. Arranged by decorator Melanie Kahane, the rooms with their wide, brightly covered chairs and soft sofas are as comfortable for those who sit as for those who dance. For nibblers, there are hot hors d’oeuvres or the country pâtés that Mrs. Ryan makes, several at a time. A hostess for whom every detail must be perfect, she called the two-week preparation for the party “an excuse to stop work for awhile.” It was also a special literary vacation. Her novel, The Betty Tree, had just been published. Mr. Ryan had just finished his third volume on World War II, A Bridge Too Far. Dozens of beeswax candles in Lucite holders, like celebratory rockets, light the scene.

A Christmas rain creates marvelous reflections under the tree outside on the flagstone terrace, opposite page, left, and guests arriving with damp packages can spread them to dry on another useful tradition, above, individual trays, on which to deliver them with a flourish.
Between Christmas and the New Year, there is a party for a few little friends. The children choose the menu: egg salad and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, Hershey bars, candy canes, little hot dogs, candy pills on paper, potato chips, and popcorn they can pop themselves over the fireplace in the living room. It's like the Big Rock Candy Mountain come to life. Service, opposite page, is buffet style, of course, and gingerbread house on the table, far right, usually loses a few of its icicles before the party is over. Afterward, Mrs. Theodoracopulos has a quiet cup of tea and looks at her Christmas mail in her kitchen, top right, beside a fireplace—one of five in the house—over which meals were cooked more than a hundred years. It's a working kitchen still: The mantelpiece holds spices, a bookcase holds crockery, cookware, apples, oranges, eggs. The batik tablecloth is washable.

For a very special day

CHILDREN MAKE A CHRISTMAS FOR EVERY CORNER OF THE HOUSE

Christmas is like a gingerbread house to Betsy Theodoracopulos, "and I'm the lady who lives there." Her cozy 1640s house on Long Island is filled to its barely 6-foot ceilings with the artworks and Christmas handicrafts of her two children and their friends. They pick holly to stick in every household cranny; they gather pine cones to arrange in big baskets. They spend snowy days, and some not so snowy, redecorating Christmas balls with Magic Marker, ribbon, cut-outs, and glue. Then they hang them on the tree with last year's creations. Even the piggy bank, hanging, left, gets a holiday collar with snowflakes and pine trees.

Santa appears in construction paper and cotton, with a skeleton left from Halloween. Too much is never enough for a child, so there are dozens of poinsettias and fat candles. On the walls, framed and protected with spray plastic, are masterpieces brought home from kindergarten.
For a very special day

**HAVE A TREE THAT CHANGES ITS TRIMMINGS**

Christmas for artist Larry Laslo is a series of parties centered around a tree that responds to each with trimmings, designed by Stephen Barany, that get more elaborate, more fanciful as the season progresses. First, there's a children's party attended by topiary animals, above, a giraffe, an elephant for the mantelpiece, and a cuddly looking teddy bear made of boxwood stuck into wire mesh frames. (To make them, see directions on page 156.) The trimmings are edible—amid big striped ribbon bows are candy canes, shiny hard-glazed apples, and baskets of popcorn that go along with little guests as they leave. More candy canes make baskets for holly and candles, below, deck the mantel when it's time to wrap holiday packages. **Right:** Adults gather late on Christmas eve, around a tree trimmed for the main event in patchwork balls and scintillating points of light. On the mantel, framed by an evergreen boa, more balls make secondary trees. By firelight and candlelight, sitting on floor pillows, guests share Santa's snack, a buche de Noël dressed in candy flowers and a dessert wine.
New Year's Eve is a party for which even the tree, below, puts on an evening dress. Its patchwork is adorned with gala silver tinsel garlands and drifts of angel's hair. On the mantel, flanked by slender candies in Lucite or brass holders, its small echo is made of glittering white rock-sugar candy stuck with silver tinsel stars and tiny bead-berries of gold. On the table, a silver pheasant presides over apricots preserved in brandy, to be dropped into glasses full of champagne which will be served with a trayful of butter-rich Christmas tea cakes.
For a very special day
USE YOUR COLLECTIONS TO DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas for designer Giorgio di Sant'Angelo means close friends collected to spend together the whole of a private holiday week, "when I always feel romantic, sentimental, happy." Red and white flowers in masses inside, red and white birds inside and out make even a snowless December festive. Roast turkey, a fish-shaped salmon on past, salads, fruit are served buffet-style, right. Friends eat in the dining room, left, or else they wander in to sit on living room pillows, below, covered with fabrics he has used in his designs.

Outside, except that it overlooks water, the house is a conventional ranch. But inside it embodies Mr. di Sant'Angelo's feeling for natural materials, primitive art, and useful comfort. So do his arrangements for Christmas. There is no tree. Instead, imitation birds fly in the bare trees outside. Candles perch in ceramic cups, plates, holders collected in bazaars all over the world; baskets from the Philippines or Panama or Africa hold presents or serve, overturned, as tables. Everywhere, flowers live or home-dried, left, from the winter garden carry out the red and white theme. Everywhere Christmas balls, hanging on strings, highlight corners or cornices. On the white-lacquered living room floor, above, and on the wall, rugs in the geometric patterns of primitive peoples throughout the world. Wicker and wood, copper and crockery on shelves, walls, or floor are as useful as they are decorative—baskets for fruit, nuts, or wooden spoons, well-seasoned cast-iron skillets for omelettes or griddle cakes, even a cone-shaped copper praline pot to turn nuts and sugar into candy on cold holiday nights. Only the antique masks on the wall, above left, once used by Peruvian Indians to portray Spaniards in dramas not always complimentary, are pure conversation pieces.
For a very special day

HAVE A CHRISTMAS FEAST FOR FRIENDS

Christmas means ten or twelve houseguests for the week and parties for forty or more for David and Wendy Steavenson. It's a grand, traditional celebration amid the green hills of rural England that carries an afterglow clear into the drearier days of February. Mrs. Steavenson, a designer both of clothes and interiors, believes in perfection for every detail—and that often means doing it herself, from giant felt Santa bags for presents, above left, and tiny sand-weighted holly-stuffed burlap bags for candles, above right, to the design for chair upholstery and table linens. For Christmas everything is red and green, even the big four-part artichoke painting by Henry Koehler, through which the handrubbed wall shows like a shiny ribbon.

Built for an ironmaster in 1540, the house includes beams from ships of the Spanish Armada, an unusual split stairway, top left, with lintels signed by the carvers, and no room smaller than 18 feet long. When a "new" kitchen was built 200 years ago, the original fireplace, 9 feet high, 15 feet long, was gradually covered over. On a hunch the Steavensons removed three later fireplaces to bring it back. Now it dominates the dining room, where on a sideboard a tipsy-looking frog, top right, holds a milk punch laced with brandy for Christmas dinner guests. Prepared by Mrs. Steavenson, it begins with a Strasbourg pâté. Then comes turtle soup and old Madeira, smoked turkey, a whole boned leg of beef with sauce Périgordine, quail stuffed with wild rice, salad, cheese, fruit and hot chestnuts, and a rich figgy pudding served in burning brandy. "Christmas just has to be a feast," says Mrs. Steavenson. Guests are pampered—"they can stay in bed till four if they like"—but Boxing Day (December 26) is eagerly awaited. Everyone assembles in the kitchen to prepare a second, do-it-yourself feast.
The huge front hall is the hub of the house, so that's where the Christmas tree—or rather, the Christmas trees—go. The 8-foot ceilings would not allow the 20-foot tree the Steavensons wanted, so they decided to have a Christmas grove, three 7-footers. Long tinsel loops are draped over ornaments, some new, some souvenirs, some spangled with glue and glitter, heirlooms from childhood days. Now their three-year old daughter spreads her glue and glitter on the snowy cuffs of the big sacks for presents. Ribbons are everywhere. “If something doesn’t have a bow on it, it’s not a proper present.” Even the trees are tied up with polka dots, and longtailed wreaths of spruce and holly trail streamers of ribbon. On Christmas Eve bellringers from the village play for guests assembled around the trees, on out-of-season Queen Anne’s lace and butterflies of the rug Mrs. Steavenson designed. Afterward everybody shares champagne.
Who would you ask to Christmas dinner if you could have anyone in the world, from any century? How would you plan the table? What would you serve? Lesley Blanch plays a game of Christmas fantasy and invites you to take paper and pencil to plan out your own kind of Christmas in your mind’s eye.

Call me Mrs. Scrooge if you like, but I’ve decided to bypass the seasonal uproar. I shall unplug the telephone and dream up the sort of Christmas party darling Self would really enjoy. Thanks to the abracadabras and magic of my imaginations, I shall be able to summon all kinds of conditions of guests—twelve people whom I should most like to see gathered round my table, irrespective of centuries or geography, people of today or yesterday, of long ago or faraway . . . By some extra magic we shall all be endowed with a common tongue, so there will be no bother over communicating; thus with a mixed grill such as my guest list there’s no telling where the conversation will go. Of course, all will be in their prime—that is, the moment of their lives when they are looking and feeling their best, which should make the party go with a swing. Thus Sir Richard Burton, that darkling adventurer, will have lately returned from his pilgrimage to Mecca. La Dame aux Camélias, Madeleine du Plessis, will have just been launched on la vie galante by the Due de Guiche, and the young Pushkin acclaimed as Russia’s greatest poet . . . but you get the idea.

Before I describe the menu and the setting I have chosen for this singular festivity, let me recapitulate and round out my guest list of five women and seven men. Madeleine du Plessis, the greatest courtesan of Romantic Paris, whom Liszt described as the most perfect incarnation of woman he had ever encountered—and he had encountered quite a few. Such a charmer, of such a profession, will put the men on their mettle—the other women too. Even those of my guests such as St. Francis of Assisi or General de Gaulle (for so the President remains to me, forever, remembering his warrior greatness) will, I think, accept her unquestioningly, the General having far too profound a knowledge of human nature and the past not to be intrigued by so celebrated a fellow countrywoman. As to St. Francis, he had known some of 12th-century Tuscan revelry in his beginnings. Besides, with his limitless charity, he would be the last to condemn, and sinners, redeemable or otherwise, are seldom judged harshly by such as he.

Now for a woman everyone will like on sight, for her classic beauty, charming personality, learning, and wide humanity—Lady Duff Gordon, who is forever associated with Upper Egypt, where in Luxor, in the middle of the last century, she came seeking health, and lived and was loved and revered among the people, dying at last, among them, far from her family and the brilliant life she had known in London. Her conversation will be as entrancing as her letters.

If you look at my seating plan, you will see that except for placing the Mogul Emperor Babur on my right and King Charles II on my left, I have ignored the thorny question of protocol, putting everyone where I think he will be most harmoniously placed. Thus, beside Lucie Duff Gordon, I am putting Colonel Qaddafì, the most dynamic, enigmatic figure of Middle Eastern power politics today—and desperately handsome, too. Besides, his views on Eastern ladies remaining behind the veil seem to me entirely sound, for they little know the stresses that await them, with emancipation. In any case, the Colonel can thrash that, and some other questions, out with Lady Duff Gordon, who, knowing so well his world and Koranic idealism, might offer acceptable advice.

Now comes Pushkin, immortal poet and irresistible to all women, whose talk is as magical as his verse. Garbo shall be next to him—a pleasure for both. Of course Garbo must be present, monosyllabic or no, for she represents immortal beauty. Those bones, those eyelashes are already part of legend. I should have liked to invite Nureyev, another legend, but fear he might accept, and then not turn up, which would be disappointing. On Garbo’s right, I put King Charles (and his spaniels, like everybody else’s pets, will be welcome at my table). Could any hostess ask for a more perfect guest than this saturnine-faced royal
voluptuary, witty, cultivated, generous, and kind?

I had rather a struggle to decide which of my three Central Asian heroes I would invite—Tamerlane, 'Timur the Tartar' of my childhood's reading; the Mogul Emperor Babur, whose Memoirs are my livre de chevet; or that wall-eyed old rascal Ranjit Singh, whose extravagant Sikh encampments are so vividly described in Emily Eden's letters home. Babur won, for we share a deep love of Afghanistan, where he chose to be buried, on a hillside overlooking Kabul. (I must not forget to tell him how well his tomb has been restored.) Now comes Queen Marie of Rumania, a wonderful woman, the most romantic figure, and a far-seeing politician too—de Gaulle may enjoy talking Balkan intrigues with her. Then, too, her dazzling beauty and gaiety will be set off by those fabulous jewels she inherited from her mother, The Tzar Alexander II's only daughter, which she wears with such panache—huge kakoshniks of diamonds, skipping ropes of pearls, sapphires, rubies.

... No need for a Christmas tree when the candles spark across such glitter.

For obvious reasons, I put Burton and Qaddafi together, the desert will be their meeting point. But if Burton turns to La Dame aux Camélias he may learn something more of Western erotica—he is already master of the Eastern kind. I'm not quite sure how she will make out with Babur, but still, she knew how to get along with most men.

I've drawn up my seating plan—here it is. Or would you care to offer a variation?

I've asked for everyone for 8 pm with magic carpets at midnight. Now let me tell you something about the setting I've chosen. We shall dine out on the deck of a dahabiya (one of those old-fashioned Nile houseboats) moored below the Temple of Karnak, so we can watch the moon rise over the Theban hills, while the stars rain down around us, reflected in the water as if caught in some gently swaying net. I shan't have any worry with the service, for there will be the traditional Nubian staff, perfect in every respect, as they pad round, in their graceful long galabias, softly attentive, and not yet infected by the idea that domestic service is lowering. ... I shall have arrived a bit early, to do the flowers (English cottage flowers, roses, and pinks), to enjoy the whole long, slow magic of sunset, and the legendary afterglow—that's a Christmas present in itself.

Which reminds me: Did I list the presents my kind guests are bringing me? All the things darling Self craved. From Pushkin, an icon; from St. Francis, a rookery, and an elm tree to harbor it; from Lucie Duff Gordon, her knowledge of Arabic; from King Charles II, my likeness by Lely, his Court portrait painter; from Queen Marie, a band of her Romanian gypsy musicians—Lautari, for choice; from Burton, those strange diaries his wife Imnied; from Colonel Qaddafi, an oasis and a black Bedouin tent; from the Emperor Babur, a baby elephant caparisoned in pearls; from Garbo, 'eyelashes as long, and as real, as her own; from General de Gaulle, a vineyard near Bordeaux; from La Dame aux Camélias, her way with men ... such gifts need no gift wrappings ... ! thank you! thank you!

Do I hear a clatter on the bank? My guests are arriving, punctual to the minute. Here they come! Babur on his elephant under a gold umbrella; King Charles in a State Coach, his dogs yapping round; a roar, overhead, and de Gaulle's helicopter plummets to earth, while Madeleine du Plessis's elegant little blue coupé spans up in style. Queen Marie (though in full regalia) is managing to look the superb horsewoman she is, dismounting from a fiery stallion. Burton and Colonel Qaddafi have both arrived at the same moment, on camels. Out of the cloud of dust they've raised I see St. Francis, on foot, surrounded by a flock of birds. Here comes Pushkin, dashing up, in a troika (there is still snow powdering the horses' manes). Lucie Duff Gordon has come alongside in her own felucca; she is no stranger to these parts. ... Now, are we all here? All but Garbo, who telephones she's lost her way and must be fetched. Oh well ... I shall start us off with champagne, of course, while Willie (the Lion) Smith and his piano, direct from New Orleans, get things going.

Here is my menu, unconventional, for the season, save for the Pudding, and as I'm no expert on vintages, any really good (Continued on page 160)
A ROSE LOVER'S ROMANTIC ROSE GARDEN

The very personal garden of Mrs. Albert D. Lasker
rose lover and rose grower, Mrs. Albert D. Lasker believes “Flowers make people happy and we need that.” She has translated her conviction that “cities should be beautiful, highways safe and glorious” into gifts of flowers and trees by the thousands for the parks and streets of Washington, D.C. and New York (House & Garden, February 1971). Before she had a rose garden of her own, left, she gave a rose garden to Oxford University, where she had studied after Radcliffe, in honor of the researchers who developed penicillin. When you study her garden’s details you know it belongs to a woman with a passion for beauty. “My mother who loved flowers and who was exercised about the parks in our town in Wisconsin recalled that my first intelligible word as a baby was inspired by the fragrance—‘mell!—of roses.” In her rose garden there is “a frill of white alyssum around each rose bed in summer, a scattering of lilies among the rose bushes so the garden will look different in July from June, old-fashioned shrub roses and perennials in the borders around the outside paths. A rose garden needs tall accents, too—tree roses, evergreens, jets of water. I like small statues as punctuation marks. A garden should be beautiful in every season, and so should cities. There is an idea I wish everyone would promote. To celebrate our nation’s 200th birthday in 1976, states, cities, communities, and federal highway departments could plant along highways, especially at entrances and exits of towns and cities, indigenous flowering trees and shrubs, evergreens, and daffodils, which flower every spring. Indigenous trees last a long time, are not difficult to maintain, and make wonderful gifts, a vast permanent improvement for the country.”

Evergreens and grass paths invite strolling in Mrs. Lasker’s garden, especially at the time of rose bloom and fragrance, left, and even out of season when roses are dormant and most rose gardens bleak. A windbreak of white pines frames the garden in upstate New York; arborvitae stand at attention down the main axis; clipped yews form a hedge and gateway within the sunny well-drained enclosure. Tree roses, like the white rose John F. Kennedy, inset, provide tall accents and “a touch of formality I find refreshing in the midst of natural countryside.” One of Mrs. Lasker’s characteristic table arrangements, above, combines roses massed in small pyramids, freighted on swan wings, and set singly to reveal their splendor. The flower-patterned plates are Spode.

"Roses are the most rewarding of flowers. I love to grow and give them"
Roses take some pampering, it’s true, but they are so rewarding,” Mrs. Lasker says. “They live longer, bloom longer, and yield more blossoms per plant than most any other flower. Roses bloomed only in June when I was a child, but hybridizers have taught them to bloom till frost. They are the perfect cut flower and because I grow them for the house I grow only the colors that suit my rooms - white, pink, coral, red, almost no yellows except blends. Color control also makes a harmonious garden. The trouble with too many rose gardens is the clashing of color, that and off-season doldrums for lack of evergreens. I have every type of rose except miniatures. Hybrid teas are showy for cutting—Peace, Crimson Glory, Tropicana, First Prize. I love the clustered floribundas—Fashion, Saratoga, Spartan. Queen Elizabeth is a superb tall grandiflora [see inset, far right]. Two climbers that do well in our 10-below winters are New Dawn and Summer Snow. In our climate we have to loosen tree roses and trench them under a foot of earth to keep them through winter, but they are worth it—the John F. Kennedy standards, for instance, a gift from his mother, Rose. Winter is a good time for reading up on roses and ordering them for early spring planting. I find the All-America Rose Selections and the American Rose Society ratings valuable. [See Gardener’s Notes, page 156.] Garden rose bouquets have short stems compared with florist bouquets. I cut on a slant, not lower than the fifth leaf, and leave about a quarter-inch above the dormant bud at a leaf junction. Short stems encourage more blooms and a healthier bush. I love to put just a single short rose in a small vase to enjoy its form and color.”

“Always wanted a great lot of roses, so no matter how many we picked there would be more”

A n abundance of roses rewards both Mrs. Lasker, standing at right near tree rose, Peace, and her supervisor Sam Mahaffey who designed the garden and who “is aware of every rose that’s cut.” Arrangement r.v., combines a medley of roses, clematis. Roses bloom from June to frost, are watered well in early morning so foliage dries by night, dosed weekly with Isotox insecticide and captan and folpet fungicides, fertilized monthly till mid-summer with 5-10-5. Faded blooms are cut promptly and discarded. Roses are straw-mulched after hard freeze.

Rose garden alongside driveway, right, and house has about seventy-five varieties. Yet each area is intimate, with a pattern easily adapted to backyard or city space, see plan. Fence and border beds, 1, of shrub and climbing roses and mixed flowers—fox-glove, peonies, lilies, poppies, phlox—surround grass paths and rose beds. Fountains, 2, tree roses, 3, at path intersections, and arborvitae, 4, along main axis and some side paths, add height. Tool house, 5, is covered with wisteria. Statues, 6, and left, are small and classic. Yew hedge, 7, marks entrance to self-contained garden with sundial and circle of topiary yews, 8, and right. (In photograph note discreet light fixtures for night strolling.) Here are more rose beds, 9, and niches, 10, for bench and statues.
A ROMANTIC ROSE GARDEN
WITH EVERGREENS,
INTERESTING PATHS,
SCULPTURE
The color and fragrance of roses fill Mrs. Albert D. Lasker's house. Left: In small vases near Spode plates, John F. Kennedy and Summer Snow roses; Eul portrait is of Mrs. Lasker and her sister. Middle: Peace, Crimson Glory, Golden Masterpiece, and clematis. Right: Smoky and Hallmark roses near red am

chor Chelsea plates in library. Left: Bedside bouquets of Queen Elizabeth, New Dawn. Middle: Fashion, other roses in Coalbrookdale rose. Right: Porcelain and real roses, wild strawberries, vinca. Below left to right: Chrysler Imperial, clematis; Pascali and pink roses in living room; rose pyramid in dining room
Old-fashioned damask and striped moss roses in milk glass, left, also pink and white kousa dogwood and forced chrysanthemums. Right: Queen Elizabeth and Peace roses near flowery china Mrs. Lasker collects—urns are Spode, plate is Coalbrookdale. Below left: Tabletop array of pink roses.

Not many people live at the end of a rainbow," says interior designer Michael Taylor. "But I do. The Golden Gate Bridge is my next-door neighbor—a beautiful thing that floats past my windows like a steel ribbon, and I felt that the least I could do, to live up to it, was to have a romantic house. I learned long ago that nature, being an incurable romantic, can be a decorator's best friend, and she's mine. In the guest room (above and opposite page), the bed, which I designed and Mimi London executed, is made of alder trees from Oregon. Very simple, strong, no finish, no trappings. The wood is too beautiful to cover up. The bedside tables are cedar stumps with marble tops, and all the floors are paved with Yosemite slate laid like flagging. Except for their tubs, the azaleas are nature untouched and shuttle to and from the terrace, where they can look at the sea, have a little sun, then roll back indoors."
NATURE CAN BE A DECORATOR'S BEST FRIEND

This house is the best way to live 'up over the store' that I know. Not that it looks like a store. My office [left] is as unofficial as I could make it, and clients come to see me as though they were visiting a friend's home. They wander through the house, and if they find something they like that I've designed, I copy it for them. All very informal. The wicker furniture is Italian, and I keep fabric samples in big laundry baskets. Like strawberries. What nature hasn't contributed, man has: the Chinese deer—Sung dynasty bronze—a painting by Bryan Wilson, a William and Mary Table with balloon legs, two ancient Japanese screens, an old Chinese barber's chair with an adjustable back to make my clients comfortable. Even the whippets, Miko and Bodkin, are decorative and do they know it! Only nature could copy them.
Stepping down the dune, the private work study retreat and beach house with its layers of bedroom is at the top. They get jutting decks is on four levels their light from the clerestory and designed to remain stand- windows, which define the living on its 30 foot piles no juncture of the shed roofs. On ter what might happen to sea, the street-facing side of the beach, and dune, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan's two sons, aged thirteen and sixteen, each have a deck the slope of shingles.
An architect designs for his own family

A MULTILAYERED HOUSE THAT COMMUNICATES WITH NATURE

A spectacular example of how architecture can blend into nature's environment to enhance the landscape is this house that architect William Morgan designed for his own family on the beach in Florida. The steep dune descending toward the ocean suggested platforms on either side of a broad main stairway. Nature also indicated the materials. With strong winds hitting this coast frequently, diagonally laid siding braces the building. The sweeping cedar-shingled roof is also critically angled at 45 degrees as a protection against gales. Within these dictates, Mr. Morgan organized the house along a master pattern seen at Herculaneum, the Ancient Roman city in Italy "where urban and ordered life went on in the main piazza and grottoes down below related to the beach and life of the sea."

Hence: a family floor where people meet and talk and rooms below for boats and other activities.

Tom Yee
In a multilayered house

LIVING BY THE SEA CAN BE WARM AND INWARD LOOKING

The family floor—the third level of the house, opposite page, top right—is an intricate assembly of thoughtful ideas. "It is purposely held very open," explains Mr. Morgan, "because as a family we all have so many varied interests that we're together very little. So we don't want the separation of walls between kitchen and dining and living rooms when we do congregate on one floor." The warmth that created through terra-cotta carpet and blond wood surfaces is equally calculated. The room looks sunlit even when it isn't. "We like the sea in its many moods, but when the winds begin to blow you need a house that is inward looking and warm inside. As we live here year round, we can't retreat elsewhere. In any case we don't want to."

Throughout the interior Mr. Morgan pursues his ideal of clear-headed and straightforward design, repeating the same carpet, building in storage and seating where appropriate. "There is directness and simplicity, which I like very much and think is suitable for today. And a sense of freedom in space. I love the 30-foot ceilings." We enjoy classical music and the height relates to largeness in sound." The house reflects the adventurous, creative nature of a talented couple, Mr. Morgan designed the aluminum chairs and table, light cube over dining table.
In a multilayered house

EVERYONE HAS
HIS OWN STUDY AREA
AND A PLACE
TO BE QUIET
"When we lived in a single-level house, I found that everyone was around my desk disturbing books and drawings, or my study was being preempted for my sons," William Morgan continues. "So now everyone has his own study area and a place to be quiet." Mr. and Mrs. Morgan's work space, opposite page, top right, overlooks the living level and continues on to their bedroom, below. Their younger son has a blue study bedroom, above, his brother's is yellow. Both have double bunks for guests. What looks like the perfect house for the Morgans was no easy project to design. "It took two years and ten approaches," admits Mr. Morgan. "At one point I thought we'd have to have another architect do it for us. I feel bothered by a lot of building today. It seems to me there's too much technology, not enough humanity. I try to put emphasis the other way."

Building materials, page 160.
Christmas at Bayou Bend

A HOUSE FILLED WITH

Take one of the finest collections of Americana in the country, set in one of the loveliest houses in the South surrounded by 14 green acres, add to it a festive dressing of decorations revived from periods in American history and you have an unforgettable Christmas experience, the annual Open House at Bayou Bend. This great house has been a magnet for lovers of Americana ever since Miss Ima Hogg, daughter of Texas Governor James S. Hogg, donated her remarkable collection of antiques, paintings, silver, and other objects—along with the house—to the Houston Museum of Fine Arts in 1966. She and her brothers Michael and Will, who began collecting with her in 1915, once lived in the graceful mansion left, built in 1927, with its twenty-four rooms decorated and furnished in 17th-, 18th-, and 19th-century styles. Beyond its esthetic value, Miss Hogg's idea is that the collection should serve to encourage a keener interest in this country's heritage and generate greater respect for the treasures created by Early American craftsmen.
Recreating a gala Twelfth Night celebration, the table in the Federal period dining room, opposite page and below, is set with a tempting feast of early 19th-century desserts, candies and drinks, including forgotten cookies, candied rose petals, and syllabub, a delicious white wine punch bubbled with cream. Centering the array, a silver lyre epergne holds fruits, berries, mints, and marzipan in six tiered baskets. Shimmering above, an English George III crystal chandelier, and glistening all around gold-leaf painted walls—the original canvas of dogwood and peonies done for Miss Hogg in 1927 by William Mackay. Pitchers on the butler’s table are Tucker porcelain. On the mantel, a five-piece set of Chinese Export porcelain. Stairway in the late 18th-century Philadelphia Hall, right, is swagged with greenery. Portrait of Governor Hogg in the corner festively accented with pine, magnolia, holly berries, and fluffy white cotton balls. All the decorations shown are by the River Oaks Garden Club directed by Mrs. Peter Brooks and Mrs. Borden Tennant, assisted by Mr. John Shaw of Nacogdoches and Mr. David B. Warren, curator of Bayou Bend. The Docent Christmas committee headed by Mrs. Alexander McLanahan and Mrs. Robin Elverson researched and prepared the authentic Christmas dishes. Their recipes will soon be collected and put into book form. The book will be available from Bayou Bend.
Continuing the Christmas cameos at Bayou Bend. Card games before the fire in the rich, inviting Queen Anne sitting room, *top left*, are dealt with silver tankards of beer, cheese, and fruit. In the Chillman Parlor, *top center*, a Christmas tea party reflects the gentle elegance of the gilded Empire furniture around. A bûche de Noël Baltimore silver tea service, and Tucker porcelain suggest an accompaniment of carols on the harp. More flamboyant, the Christmas of the Victorians, in the Belfer Parlor, *top right*, where the bauble-laden tree and bulging stockings on the mantel represent customary traditions of the era. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, who popularized the evergreen tree, are there in miniature Staffordshire china figures, on the background étagère. Around the time General Hogg was Governor of...
Texas, in 1891-5, the state had its own way of celebrating yuletide. In the Texas Room, middle left, a typical dinner—wild turkey, Brussels sprouts, sweet potatoes served on Staffordshire plates with scenes from the Texian Campaign. Oranges and apples pyramid in a simple centerpiece. Tissue paper crackers provide a touch of Southern fireworks. The Christmas Advent wreath of boxwood and berries in the bay window of the Pine Room, middle center, rekindles an early 18th-century custom. Four tall tapers were lit on the four Sundays in December when family prayers were said. The Massachusetts Room, middle right, recreates the Puritan New England Christmas scene. No fuss, nothing elaborate, just simple pine and berry decorations on the table. A century before, early settlers from England and Holland enjoyed a more lavish scene. The Murphy Room, above and right, with its painted wooden floor shows their approach—a boar's head on a pewter charger, plenty of cheese, fruit and wine, wild game, herbs and vegetables piled on a tavern table beside the greenery-swathed stairs. More country customs in Winedale Cottage, opposite page, bottom, where a tall cedar tree decked with yarn dolls, cookies, pine cone elves, gum drop strings and a hundred-and-one other goodies lights the brick-paved living room. A little sugar house garnishes a drop leaf desk. Over the fireplace is a sheaf of wheat and some ears of corn that is a replica of something the Scandinavians liked to place over their doorways at Christmas as a present to the birds.
SURPRISES AND ZEST FOR A LAST-MINUTE CHRISTMAS

An egg topper, 1, makes lopping the tops off soft-boiled eggs child's play. Just put egg in middle hole and press slide. In stainless steel from Rowoco. $5 at The Pottery Corner. 2 High-fidelity sound teams up with good looks in Braun's small speaker collection. The pair shown in white polyester lacquered wood, approximately 18 by 10 by 9 inches. $149.50 each at Liberty Music. 3 To fit in the tiniest stocking—strawberry huller from Germany, just 2 inches long. $1 at Patricia Moore. 4 Sturdy simplicities to flatter any flower. Ceramic tile container in eight colors, 7½ inches in diameter by 6 inches high. $6.50 at Country Floors. 5 The gourmet's quest for a perfect croissant may end in your kitchen. Cutting perfect shapes is easy with a croissant cutter from France. $25 at Hubert des Forges. 6 The closet invasion—colorful molded plastic hangers, self-spacing, non-slippable, nonbreakable. $2 each, gift boxed set of four, $8. Bonniers. 7 Celebrate New Year's with popping corks but keep them off the ceiling. Champagne bottle opener. $5 at Patricia Moore. 8 Interwoven ropes of terra cotta—a table with glass top, 24¼ by 14¼ inches in diameter, $200; grape ivy plant, $9 at Ronaldo Maia. 9 Make your tea break even a little more special—measure loose tea with a tea caddy spoon of English horn. $3.25 at Patricia Moore. 10 To make a small task simple, a steel lemon slicer gives 10 perfect wedges. $25 at Paprikas Weiss. 11 Carry it with you. "Four Handed Chess" for two teams or four friends. Playing board is flexible and comes with directions. $25 at Lawson & Lawson. 12 Piquant memories created by flowers are preserved by "The Plant-Press," 12 by 18 inches. $10.50 from the Naturalist.
Storage tower, 13, table, stool, or bar. Elements of two heights stacked and on casters. Designed by Anna Castelli for Beylerian. Of ABS cyclocac resin. Unit shown $65, butcher block top $15. Bloomingdale's. 14 A tool you'll love to use—horn orange peeler from England. $2.75 at Patricia Moore. 15 Hours of fun for little ones who dream of being sailors. Crows Nest Gym of wood, comes partly assembled. $195 from Child Life Play Specialties. 16 Cheery "Domino" comforter filled with Kodel, twin $36, pillow sham $10, twin dust ruffle $16. All by Crosscill. Headboard by Seaman-Cross, twin $59. All at Bloomingdale's. 17 Joy in the morning! Fresh squeezed fruit juice with fruit press. $2.50 at Patricia Moore. 18 A geometric poem in red and blue, "Pastorale," acrylic face, 3 by 5 feet. $55 by Karastan. 19 One for you and one for me, both icy cold in a silver-plated wine cooler. $110 at Concinnity Shop. 20 and 21 Delightful whimsy—animal cookie ornaments of baked dough designed by Judith Ott. Eight on cookie rack $35 including rack. Elephant included in an assortment of six for $42. From Soupcom. 22 For that masterpiece from your last trip, brass banded frame in silver plate from Italy. $125 at Hammacher Schlemmer. 23 No more wrestling with plump tomatoes! Tongs hold tomato and multibladed knife quickly cuts even slices. From Westmark. $7 at Bazaar de la Cuisine. 24 Red Chinese lacquer stacking trays, 14 inches square $45 each from Robert Webb. 25 Reflect the joys of ice cream in Rowoco's shiny and strong stainless steel ice cream spade. $2 at The Pottery Corner. 26 So slim, light and efficient, the Xtinguisher can be in view and handy, in yellow or white. From Rogin Ltd., $17.50 at Bloomingdale's. 27 A V-shaped blade for decorative edges on fruits. By Rowoco. $1.60 at The Pottery Corner. 28 Tubs, handpainted à la "Matisse," 18 by 7 inches. $85 from Stephen Barany. 29 Lively animals, but all endangered. A poster from woodcut by James Grashow. $5 from Friends Of Animals.

All prices approximate. For addresses see page 44.
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Cheri-Suisse Fondue. In saucepan, melt 2 tbs. butter with 12 oz. semi-sweet chocolate. Blend in 1/2 cup Cheri-Suisse. Keep warm over low heat. Dip in fruit pieces or cake squares, or use as an ice cream topping.


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tableware with her. Sal said they had a few spoons and forks, but did we have any silverware we didn't need that they could use? Well, we don't—so I went to the department store to see what I could find for her. I was more than pleased by a handsome and practical stainless steel service made by Ekco. It's beautifully designed with simulated wooden handles that are completely safe in the dishwasher. A service for four includes two teaspoons as well as a soup spoon in each place setting and was so inexpensive I could afford to buy two, which will give the girls extras for entertaining.

I love to give parties, particularly during the holiday season, even though some of the preparations are tedious. Now, I've learned an easy way to wash a large amount of lettuce you'll need for the salad. Just pick over the greens, wash them thoroughly (which isn't the worst part), and then put them into two pillow slips, one inside the other. This goes into the washing machine, the water is turned off, and the machine is set on spin. Presto—crisp, dry lettuce. All that remains is to transfer the lettuce into a plastic bag for storage in the refrigerator.

We're a family that dearly loves a fire in the fireplace, and we have two fireplaces and a Franklin stove to prove it. The only dreary note is the high cost of firewood and the fact that it's becoming harder and harder to obtain. We can usually buy logs from the man who cuts the lawn in the summer, but we've been really stumped on the question of kindling. At least we were stumped until we discovered manufactured Blazer Logs, which are lightweight, clean burning, and safe-to-use man-made logs. No falling apart in the middle with a huge burst of flame. Furthermore, they look like actual logs, don't require kindling, and can be used to start a real log fire or burn on their own in place of logs, indoors and out. We find they are excellent for the Franklin stove, too.

Tom and I have a special Christmas surprise for all the children—some new short skis called Hot Stix. They're only 33 inches long and are virtually indestructible because they're made of tough heavy plastic and are especially designed for even weight distribution and maneuverability. Hot Stix, made by Rubbermaid, come with good metal bindings, with or without poles. We think they'll be fun for everybody—easy for the timid skiers (Tina and me), and challenging for the more expert ones, who will probably learn to do all sorts of tricks on them. They'll be great for touring around the neighborhood after a snowfall and for skiing on the golf course.

Delicious loaves to make and give for Christmas

For recipes, please turn the page.

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WHAT THE WINE PEOPLE ARE DRINKING NOW

THE THIRTEEN DESSERTS OF REVEILLON
Roy Andries de Groot talks about a traditional Christmas Eve in Provence
THE RONRICO GIFT-WRAPPING GUIDE

How to go from Inept to Ept in a matter of minutes. And enjoy yourself along the way.

'Tis the Night before C-Day.
You picked up that 3-foot ceramic elephant your wife lusted after just as the store closed. Ditto, junior's Giant Dirt Mover. And your daughter's new life-size Dolly Dimple Doll.

So now you're squashed in the furnace room at 10 P.M. with your lumpy treasures and nothing to put them in.

A 75' roll of sticky tape (solid, bright colors preferred). A ball of thick, colored yarn (all you can steal from your wife's knitting bag). Box of colored felt-tip markers (from kids' toy chest. It's O.K. now, they're asleep.).

Open up bags by cutting along seams and remove bottoms. Tape flattened bags together (until elephant-sized). Fold around elephant and secure with small pieces of transparent tape. Tie with yarn and decorate with your own-version of stars, yule trees or angels (the more primitive the better). See example.

Or, for early dawn, when you're spreading your goodies under the tree. ...

The Ronrico Reindeer
1 1/2 oz. Ronrico White or Gold
2 drops vanilla
A pinch of nutmeg
A dash of Angostura
1 cup milk
2 tsp. sugar
Shake well with ice, pour into tall glass and drink a toast to wrapping things up. Here's a little goody for instance: "Salud, dinero y amor!" — roughly translated, "Here's mud in your eye". Which considering the condition of the basement probably makes a lot of sense.

What to drink while wrapping.
Start with gratitude.
1. You managed to miss "The Little Drummer Boy" for the fifth time in 5 years.
2. The Skurniks didn't send you that terrible ten-pound fruit cake for a change.
3. And it hasn't snowed, it hasn't snowed.

What not to rap about.
1. In-laws, of course.
2. The fact the turkey's still half-frozen.
3. The fact you forgot the eggs for the egg nog.
4. You even forgot the cartons of ready-made egg nog mix.

What to rap about while wrapping.
Start with gratitude.
1. The 90-year-old rich uncle.
2. Your tax man.
3. The Boss.
4. The Building Inspector.
5. The Little League umpire.
7. Your wife's shrink.

Rejoice, it's all behind you — under the tree. Now you can be All Thumbs for another whole year.
20 easy appetizing ways to serve nuts

Simone Beck in, Simea's Cuisine (Knopf) suggests serving a mixture of nuts and raisins with cocktails. Combine 1/3 cup cashews; 1/3 cup blanched, toasted, almonds, cut into thick slivers; 1/3 cup pignolias or pine nuts with 1 cup raisins.

Equal quantities of macadamia nuts and white raisins are tossed together by Mrs. Vincent Donovan to serve with drinks.

Black raisins mixed with shelled, broken walnuts are kept on hand in a large glass jar with a moisture-proof cork lid by Mrs. Myrtle Corbman on her boat the Bountiful II.

Combine equal amounts of pine nuts and raisins and sprinkle with a little mint and cinnamon sugar. The Dionysos Restaurant in Manhattan serves this with feta cheese.

Top a pecan half with Roquefort cheese softened with a little cream cheese and a drop of lemon juice suggests Kathleen Hand, who sends pecans all over the country from her Sternberg Pecan Co. in Jackson, Miss. Mrs. Hand also serves pecans with cream cheese and dips.

Wrap small pieces of prosciutto around Brazil nuts, suggests Helen Feingold, who serves them with green and black olives.

Saute pecans and cashew nuts in a little butter and sprinkle with celery salt. Remove from heat and toss, if you wish, with dates.

Mix shelled peanuts, cashews, Brazil nuts, pecans, walnuts, filberts, and blanched, whole almonds and saute in a little oil until brown. Cool and toss with tiny cubes of sharp Cheddar cheese.

Cut raw green beans into 1/2-inch pieces and toss with whole, salted almonds.

Toss dried apple rings with hazelnuts. Cut fresh coconut in small chunks and serve in a bowl to accompany long cool drinks.

Mix bite-sized chunks of dark chocolate with shelled Brazil nuts.

Mary Moon Hemingway mixes pumpkin seeds with raisins and Brazil nuts for a pre-dinner nibble; or mix macadamia nuts with candied ginger; dried apples with salted peanuts; black walnuts with chopped dried apricots; Brazil nuts with chopped dates; broken walnuts and currants.

Shell fresh peanuts, toss with melted butter to coat, and salt. Toast in the oven.

Mix nuts and brush with herb flavored oil (thyme, parsley, and chives), bake until crisp.

WALNUTS

Foil-roast walnuts over an open fire, as James Beard does. Crack the walnuts but do not shell them. Wrap in foil and cook them on a grate in a fireplace for about 10 minutes, or until they are heated through.

Marion Bard gives small individual tins of sugared walnuts. Cook 1 pound light brown sugar becomes golden add almonds and stir thoroughly. Spread on cookie sheet and bake in a 300° oven until light brown. Chop finely. Melt a heaping cup of granulated sugar with 1/4 cup water over medium high heat tilting pan. When sugar becomes golden add almonds and stir until almonds turn deep tawny gold. Pour immediately onto greased sheet of aluminum foil. With flat side of peeled potato half, spread out mixture to 1/2-inch thickness. Cut into 2-inch diamonds for a candy before it cools. When cool wrap tightly in foil and store in a dry cupboard.

PINE NUTS

Creamy pine nuts toasted are delicious. Coat 1 cup pine nuts with 1 tablespoon butter and roast in 300° oven until slightly browned. Watch carefully to prevent over browning.

PISTACHIOS

Sprinkle chopped pistachios thickly over a wine Cheddar cheese ball.

FILBERTS

Spiced filberts. In a heavy skillet brown 4 cups shelled filberts in butter for about 20 minutes. Drain on paper towels then toss in a paper bag together with 3 cups confectioners sugar, 2 tablespoons each nutmeg, ground cloves, and cinnamon. Shake nuts into a co­

lander to remove excess sugar. Cool on paper towels.

CASHews

Curried cashews. Dot 2 cups unroasted cashews with butter and bake in 350° oven, stirring occasionally, for about 20 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from oven. Blend 2 teaspoons seasoned salt, 1/4 tablespoon curry powder and sprinkle over nuts and stir. Return to oven for 5 minutes. Spread on absorbent paper to cool.

"Nuts are a rich and concentrated source of protein—a valuable and quick source of energy"
bread making is one of the great pleasures of the kitchen—the warm scent of bread baking in the oven; the satisfying feel of elastic dough; the taste of a warm crusty loaf. Bread also makes a marvelous present. These four cooks who enjoy baking their own bread, also love to give it away and here are their recipes, straightforward to make and delicious to receive.

William Harris, genial president and founder of White Flower Farm in Connecticut, has baked bread for years at home on a farm, now does it more effortlessly with the help of a KitchenAid mixer. Here is his family recipe for a good basic white bread. “I’ve long since concluded that the joy of homemade bread is not in the recipe, but in the doing.”

Rochelle Udell is an artist and a baker’s daughter. She bakes 100 loaves of bread in her family’s bakery in Brooklyn at Christmas to give away as presents. Here are her pared-down recipes for Slavic braided and checkerboard breads. She likes to give each loaf away with a bread board, a good knife, or a pot of honey.

Penni Wisner bakes masses of bread at Thanksgiving to freeze and give away at Christmas. She wraps them in plastic wrap and bright tissue paper, and loves to add a homemade loaf to a birthday or hostess present. These recipes come from Craig Claiborne’s New York Times Cook Book. Penni uses only unbleached flour, so one cup of flour in the recipe equals about ¾ cup unbleached. “I find the best way to test is to knock the loaf, if it sounds hollow it’s done.”

Emerick Bronson, a photographer whose food pictures appear often in House & Garden, bakes bread every two weeks and always makes extra mini loaves to give away. A devotee of corn bread, he finds it freezes beautifully and tastes fresh if you leave it out overnight after baking; then wrap it well and freeze. He likes his loaves to be uniform in size, so he always weighs the dough on a scale. He feels the important rule is not to add fat and salt until yeast mixture has foamed up well. “If you mix it together first, both the salt and fat curtail yeast activities and slow down the proving process.”

**SPIRAL BREAD**

**Ingredients:**
- 1 cup scalded milk; 2 tablespoons sugar; 2 1/2 teaspoons salt; 1/4 cup shortening; 1 cup lukewarm water; 2 packages yeast; 7 cups sifted flour; melted butter or salad oil.

**Method:**
- To the scalded milk add sugar, salt, and shortening. Stir and cool to lukewarm.
- Herbs filling: 2 cups finely chopped parsley; 2 cups finely chopped scallions; 1 large clove garlic, minced; 2 tablespoons butter; 2 eggs, lightly beaten; 1/4 teaspoon salt; freshly ground black pepper, Tabasco sauce to taste.

Pour the water into a large bowl and add yeast, stir until dissolved. Add milk mixture. Add 4 cups flour, stir; then beat well. Add remaining flour and stir until dampened. Let stand 10 minutes.

Turn dough out onto a floured surface and knead until smooth, about 10 minutes. Place in a greased bowl, grease surface, cover and let rise in a warm place (80° to 85° F) until double in bulk, about 45 minutes.

Herb filling: In a large saucepan cook parsley, scallions, and garlic in butter over moderate heat, stirring often, until thoroughly wilted but not browned. Mixture should reduce to half original
Ingredients for Emerick Bronson's corn meal bread: ginger, yeast, honey, water, milk, and corn meal. Yeast with honey, ginger, and water in a measuring cup set in a pan of warm water to hasten the proving. Yeast rising. Flour is sifted over dough to make it smooth for kneading. Emerick Bronson kneads dough vigorously.

Dough rises in greased bowl covered with wax paper and a napkin. Dough ends being tucked under to fit tin neatly for baking. Butter brushed with a feather brush on top of loaves to give a golden sheen when baked.

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"If I didn't have an electric mixer with a 1 gallon stainless steel bowl so powerful that its dough hook will knead 2 1-pound loaves in about 4 minutes, I wouldn't be baking bread," says William Harris, who finds kneading a chore. "Years ago I did it by hand, I had to, I lived on a farm miles from a store."

Here Mr. Harris adds liquid to mixer bowl, pushes potato through a strainer to be incorporated in dough, and sets the dough hook to work to knead the dough. Rochelle Udell stands by her checkerboard bread assembled for baking.

JAMES BEARD'S CUBAN BREAD

Ingredients: 1 package yeast, 2 cups lukewarm water, 1/4 tablespoons salt, 1 tablespoon sugar, 6-7 cups sifted flour.

Method: In a large bowl dissolve the yeast in water and add salt, and sugar, stirring thoroughly.

Add the flour, 1 cup at a time, beating it in with a wooden spoon. Or use the dough hook on an electric mixer at low speed. Add enough flour to make a fairly stiff dough. When the dough is thoroughly mixed, shape it into a ball, place in a greased bowl and grease the top. Cover with a towel and let stand in a warm place (80° to 85° F) until doubled in bulk.

Turn the dough onto a lightly floured board and shape into 2 long, French-style loaves or round, Italian-style loaves. Arrange on a baking sheet heavily sprinkled with corn meal and allow to rise 5 minutes. Slash the tops of the loaves in 2 or 3 places with a knife or scissors. Brush the loaves with water and place them in a cold oven. Set the oven control at hot (400° F) and place a pan of boiling water on the bottom of the

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A great cook's Christmas three holiday parties from Maurice Moore-Betty

When I spend Christmas at home, I have what I like to call open house on Christmas Eve, announcing to all friends and acquaintances who live alone that they'll be welcome between 7 and 11," says Maurice Moore-Betty, who for this evening prepares a make-ahead buffet for about eighteen. On Christmas Day he might give a small lunch party and on New Year's Eve an elegant dinner. Here are his menus and recipes for this delicious yet very simple feast, from his second and just published book The Maurice Moore-Betty Cooking School Book of Fine Cooking. A bor House—a fine collection of menus and recipes for all seasons, every occasion.

CHRISTMAS EVE BUFFET FOR 14-18

Carriage House Terrine
Stuffed Striped Bass and Saucc Verte
Glazed Corned Beef
Potato Salad Cheese French Breads
Praline Mousse Mince Pies Frozen Chocolate Mousse Fresh Fruits
Decanted California Red
Chilled California White

GLAZED CORNED BEEF

Ingredients: 1-4 6-pound corned beef; whole cloves.

Method: Wash the piece of beef under cold running water, to remove surface brine. Cut the beef in a pot and cover with boiling water. Simmer 3 to 4 hours with lid on. When done it should be easy to shave a fork through to the center. Take the cooked beef out of its pot and force it into one smaller. Weight it to compress it for easier slicing.

THE GLAZE

Ingredients: 1 small can crushed pineapple, 1/4 cup chopped candied cherries, 1/4 cup orange marmalade, 4 heaping tablespoons domestic prepared mustard.

Method: Preheat oven to 450°. Combine all ingredients in a small heavy pan and cook over medium heat until thin. Put the corned beef on a greased baking sheet with an edge. Stud it with cloves in a pattern. Brush on glaze and cook in the oven for 1 hour, or until lightly browned, basting frequently, adding more glaze as necessary. Take care to avoid freezer burn, pattern is not disturbed.

POTATO SALAD

Ingredients: 4 pounds small red round potatoes; salt; 2 recipes vinaigrette dressing; 1/2 cup chopped parsley and a few sprigs; 1/2 cup chopped chives; 1 tablespoon capers, drained and chopped; 1/2 cup green onions, chopped; freshly ground black pepper.

Method: Boil the potatoes in salted water, adding 1 tablespoon salt to every quart of water. Cook until tender. Take care not to overcook. They should be firm. When cool enough to handle, peel and slice in 1/4-inch slices.

Heat the vinaigrette dressing gently. Pour it over the still warm potatoes and mix carefully. Allow to soak until half an hour before serving. Stir in the parsley, chives, capers, onions, and black pepper, if you think it is needed. Pile in a serving bowl and garnish with parsley sprigs.

PRAWLNE MOUSSE

Ingredients: 3 eggs, separated; 1/2 cup sugar; 2 tablespoons Madeira; 6-8 tablespoons praline powder; 2 cups heavy cream, chilled in freezer for 10 minutes before beating; 1 teaspoon salt.

Method: In a bowl beat the egg yolks with 1/2 cup sugar until light in color and creamy. Mix in the Madeira and praline powder. In a separate bowl, beat the chilled cream until soft peaks are formed. Fold the cream into the egg yolk mixture carefully. In a separate bowl, beat the whites with the salt until definite peaks are formed. Spoon 2 large spoonfuls of the beaten egg white into the egg-cream mixture. Mix to lighten and then fold in the remainder of the egg whites. Spoon the mousse into ramekins that hold 1/4 cup and freeze.

When frozen, the ramekins should be wrapped in a plastic wrap to seal. They may be stored almost indefinitely in the freezer. Remove from freezer about 10 minutes before serving and sprinkle top with a little praline powder.

PEANUTS, WALNUTS, OR FILBERTS, TOASTED

Over low heat, and in a pan that is not much used, dissolve or melt the sugar, stirring constantly. Raise the heat and cook until brown. I like a dark amber in preference to a lighter color, but this is a matter of personal taste. Some find the darker makes a bitter praline. As the syrup turns color add the toasted nuts and stir to coat evenly.

When the syrup has reached the desired color pour in an even stream onto an oiled cookie sheet. Allow to harden and cool. Grind it to a coarse powder with a bottle or rolling pin. If you own a blender the operation will only take seconds. Store the praline in a screw-top jar in the refrigerator.

MINCE PIES

Ingredients: 2 recipes basic short pastry; 2 14 15-ounce jars commercial mincemeat; 1/2 cup dark rum; 2 egg yolks, diluted and well beaten with 1/2 cup heavy cream; superfine sugar.

Method: Preheat oven to 375°. Line 15 3 1/4-inch baking sheet with an edge with half the pastry rolled out to the thickness of approximately 1/4 inch, allowing about 1/4 inch of the pastry to hang over the edge all the way around. Bake for 10 minutes.

In a large bowl mix mincemeat with 1/4 cup dark rum. Fill the pastry lined cookie tin with the mincemeat, spreading evenly. Roll out remaining pastry and cover the mincemeat. Pinch the edge of the unbaked pastry to the baked. Brush top with egg and cream mixture and score with knife, being careful not to cut through the pastry. Score in squares or diamond shapes, serving-piece sizes. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, being careful not to over-brown the top. Dust with superfine sugar as soon as it comes out of the oven. Makes about 18 pieces.

FROZEN CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

Ingredients: 12 ounces semi-sweet chocolate; 1 cup sugar; 2 tablespoons Madeira; 6 tablespoons cream; 3 eggs, separated; 1/2 cup sugar; 2 tablespoons Marsala; 2 cups heavy cream, chilled in freezer for 10 minutes before beating; 1 teaspoon salt.

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For Christmas Eve, have a variety of dishes to please varied tastes.

Maurice Moore-Betty's Christmas Eve buffet for fourteen to eighteen:

1. Glazed corned beef.
2. Striped bass, garnished with cucumber slices, watercress, tomatoes, and radishes, sits handsomely on the sideboard buffet.
3. A pyramid of fruit makes a rich decoration for the buffet.
4. Desserts are set up on a separate table.
5. Individual ramekins of praline mousse, iced with whipped cream and a sprinkling of praline powder.
6. Mince pie cut into neat squares.
7. A frozen chocolate mousse.
8. Glasses, silver, and plates are set up conveniently on a round table in the center of the room.
What are the wine people drinking themselves? We've quizzed the wine writers and businessmen whose chief preoccupation is wine and spirits and asked what they like to drink as an aperitif, as a wine.

Hugh Johnson Wine (Simon and Schuster) picks Champagne, "When I can get it, Pol Roger is my favorite. I also love a really dry Spanish fino sherry like Tio Pepe, which is, I think, one of the world's great aperitifs." Mr. Johnson, whose latest book, The International Book of Trees (Simon and Schuster), is on trees, not wine, has now taken on the role of President of the English Sunday Times Wine Club. "To me half the joy in wine is that there are so many choices; I love trying new things."

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William Massee who wrote The Insiders Guide to Low Priced Wines and Wines of America (Saturday Review Press) drinks scotch before dinner. If he has had a good lunch, he might simply sip soda water, a twist of lemon and a drizzle of honey just to be salable. "I only drink wine that costs under $4. That's plenty to pay for wine."

"I like to try a lot of different white wines as aperitifs for my own tasting notes," says Sherry Lehmann's Michael Aaron, who quite often adds a drop or two of cassis to make a before-dinner kir. "While I'm studying the menu, I like to drink a nice dry white wine—Gallo Chablis Blanc is a spectacularly good value," says Robert Balzer, who publishes, monthly, Robert Lawrence Balzer's Private Guide to Food and Wine. "Another good one, a sleeper to Americans, is Tribich Muscat er, I like gin and bitters."

"I like Champagne as an aperitif; it might sound hoity-toity, but I do," says The Wine and Food Society president, Howard Meighan, who also likes a Lillet. "I enjoy buying and trying new wines. For every-day drinking, I think the Gallo Burgundy and Chablis Blanc are excellent."

"I drink almost anything," admits Frank Schoonmaker; Frank Schoonmaker's Encyclopedia of Wine (Hastings House). "I don't mind a martini, or a whiskey, just because one is in the wine business doesn't preclude other drinks. I don't happen to like sweet aperitifs myself. The less complicated and rigid we are about drinks the more we'll enjoy them."

"The most exciting aperitif I serve is a Cardinal," declares Sam Aaron, who was introduced to it by master chef, Paul Bocuse; "it is a glass of Champagne with a teaspoon of cassis and Eau de Vie de Framboise. "I always drink wine before lunch, I think that's the only way you can drink the more we'll enjoy them."

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TRUFFLES IN COGNAC José Wilson strains liquid from a small can of black truffles; puts truffles in a small jar and covers with cognac. This can be stored in the refrigerator indefinitely and used as needed. Cognac may be drawn off and used for flaming or in saucers when a slight truffle flavor is desirable. Replenish cognac as used.

MARINATED COCKTAIL OLIVES Drain 1 4 oz. jar green pitted olives and 1 5 oz. jar pitted black olives and place in a bowl with 3 large cloves garlic, split, 3/4 cup mixed herb vinegar, pepper to taste, a sprig of fresh basil or 1 tablespoon dried basil, 3/4 cup white wine or vermouth. Cover and refrigerate at least three days. Remove garlic cloves before packing in glass containers. Makes 2 8 oz. jars. From Gifts From The Kitchen by Joan Scobey and Norma Myers (Doubleday).

GINGER BRANDY MARMALADE Julie Daumenbach mixes 3/4 cup ginger brandy with 1 cup gingersmash; packs it in decorative glass jars and small crocks. When ready to use, heat and brush on game, such as ducks and cornish hens.

COGNAC PEPPER Helen Worth makes cognac pepper and puts it into a bitters bottle to give as a present. It's from her book, Cooking Without Recipes. Crack 4 tablespoons peppercorns coarsely, add 3/4 cup cognac and allow mixture to stand 2 weeks. Strain and decant into an attractive bitters bottle to use at table.

MINCEMEAT Mincemeat will keep all winter in a cool place. Keep in stone jars tied over with ashen and picked over; 2 pounds raisins seeded and picked over; 2 pounds currants washed and carefully picked over; 3/4 cup brown sugar; 1 tablespoon salt, 2 teaspoons brandy. Let rest for 1 hour. Put about 2 inches of corn or peanut oil in a small skillet and heat until quite hot. Drop 1 teaspoon of batter at a time into skillet (oil should boil violently when batter is added). Cook 5-6 minutes or until balls are golden brown. Remove with a slotted spoon and blot on paper towels and dust with powdered sugar. Wrap in tissue and add a note to eat as soon as possible.

LEMON BRANDY "Half a tablespoon is an excellent flavoring for custards," suggests Maxine McKendry, who makes it to give away. Peel 2 small lemons rather thinly, taking care to leave none of the white pith. Put the peel into a bottle with 2 cups brandy and let it infuse for 24 hours, then strain. Boil 2 ounces sugar with 3/4 cup water, stirring constantly until it thickens, then remove from heat and stir in 3/4 cup brandy. Makes 4 cups. (Gifts From The Kitchen by Joan Scobey and Norma Myers).

CRANBERRY CASSIS PRESERVES Wash and drain 4 cups cranberries. Peel and core 2 medium apples and dice coarsely. In a large saucepan heat 3 cups sugar and 3/4 cup water, stirring constantly until sugar dissolves. Add cranberries and apples. Bring the mixture to a boil; reduce heat to moderate and cook, stirring frequently for 15 minutes, or until liquid has a jam-like consistency. Remove the pan from heat and stir in 3/4 cup creme de cassis. Pour into hot, sterilized jars and seal. Yields about 3 pints. From Whiskey In The Kitchen by Emanuel and Madeline Greenberg (Bobbs-Merrill).
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1. VANDERMINT CHOCOLATE CHEESE PIE: Cream 3/4 cup Vandermint, 8 oz. cream cheese. Add 1/2 cup milk, 1 pkg. (4-1/2 oz.) instant chocolate pudding; beat smooth. Spoon into 8 chocolate crumb crust: 1-1/4 cup soft butter. 2. VANDERMINT: Pour 2 oz. Vandermint over crushed ice in champagne glass. 3. VANDERMINT ALEXANDER: Shake 1 oz. Vandermint, 1 oz. gin and 1 oz. cream with cracked ice. Strain into cocktail glass. 4. VANDERMINT & ICE CREAM: Pile scoop of ice cream into dessert dish. Top with Vandermint. 5. VANDERMINT & VODKA (V&W): Pour 1 part Vandermint and 2 parts vodka over cubes in a "rocks" glass.


EDITORS NOTE: In the south of France, réveillon—Christmas Eve midnight supper—includes among its many traditions the relighting of the yule log and the feast of the thirteen desserts—here remembered rather wistfully by Mlle Artaud, as she sat in her inn, the Auberge of the Flowering Hearth, nestled high in the snow-capped French Alps. Her listener, Roy Andries de Groot, past president of the International Gourmet Society, member of the London Food and Wine Society, author of The Rockefeller Diet and Feasts for All Seasons was so captivated with the exceptional menus and exquisitely chosen and prepared food of Mlle Vivette Artaud and her partner Mlle Ray Giraud, that he persuaded them to tell him about the meals at the inn throughout the year and to share with him their experiences and recipes. He has lovingly recorded it all in his new book Recipes From the Auberge of the Flowering Hearth, from which this excerpt is taken.

It was past midnight. Our conversation on the regional dishes and foods of the seasons was coming to an end. Mademoiselle Vivette spoke softly: "So, you see, we have come around the full circle of the year and are back on the Eve of Christmas. This Auberge of ours—here among these snow-white mountains—sometimes seems a very long way from my sunny childhood in Provence. But, on the night before Christmas I like to bring Provence into this house with the ceremony of 'The Thirteen Desserts of Réveillon.'"

She noticed my questioning look and added: "To understand this ancient custom, one must know about the family traditions at the time when I was a child."

I said: "Would I get the feel of it, if your words could take me there?"

"On Christmas Eve in my home in Provence," she said, "the huge dining table was laid with a snow-white cloth for what we call, in the Provencal language, 'Lou Gros Soupa.' But before we could start eating, there had to be the ceremonial relighting of the great log fire in the hearth, beginning with the partly burned log, which had been kept from Christmas Eve the year before. In every home, the head of the house, called in Provencal, 'Lou Maistre,' went to fetch the log from the closet where it had been stored, placed it in the hearth and, while rekindling it, spoke, in Provengal, these traditional words..."

"Fire, Beautiful Fire, Log, Beautiful Log, Gather us around you for this feast, And warm us from the hearth, And if, next year, there are not more of us, Then, at least, let us not be fewer."

"Then, next logs were added to the old and, when the fire was burning brightly, our family took its place at table for 'Lou Gros Soupa.' It was, of course, a meal for a day of fasting, because of the coming Midnight Mass and the huge feasting of Christmas Day. We ate, first, white sticks of raw celery dipped into the famous, Provençal Anchouaide, a thick warm sauce of pounded anchovies, with garlic, parsley, and shallots. A little of this was ladled onto each plate, and we dipped it into our celery sticks. Next, there was served a dish of poached salt cod, flaked into a hot purée of spinach, and garnished with hard-boiled eggs. Finally, our table was set with the Thirteen Desserts (for the thirteen days from Christmas Day to Epiphany), all extremely simple, all exactly the same every
BLACK NOUGAT WITH PINE HONEY

The recipe for this extraordinary and irresistible, traditional Christmas candy was brought by Madeleine Vivette from her native Provence, but was then changed by Madeleine Bays to include the strange mountain honey produced by the bees of The Valley in the Springtime, when the tiny flowers appear on the pine trees. The pine blossom honey adds its delicate and subtle taste to the browned almonds and the dark nougat. This is one of the thirteen "Christmas Desserts" of Provence, where "The Twelve Days" is increased to thirteen by being extended through the day of Epiphany, with one particular dessert in honor of each day. Here is the original recipe, which I prepare with Linden honey in place of the Alpine pine.

The pine honey, which is a delicious specialty of the Chartreuse Valley, may be replaced by any, good, flower honey, such as raspberry or buckwheat. The preparation is extremely simple—only the temperature has to be watched and, for this, a candy thermometer is a most useful watchdog.

Ingredients: About 2 tablespoons butter; 1 pint flower honey; 3 cups or about 16 ounces whole almonds; fresh thyme, a small handful.

Method: Into a 1½-quart saucepan, preferably of heavy iron (or any other type that will stand the high heat of candymaking), slowly heat the 1 pint of honey. As the temperature begins to rise, drop in a small handful of the thyme and the 3 cups whole almonds with their skins on (very carefully dried, if you have washed them), and continue, cooking slowly, bringing up the temperature, stirring the contents almost continuously, until the honey begins to turn dark brown and the almonds begin to crackle. This will usually take about 30 minutes and you must be prepared to keep stirring for that length of time.

Choose a square cake tin, large enough to hold 2 quarts—a 9 by 9 by 1½ inch size, for example. Line it carefully, with well-buttered, heavy wax paper or aluminum foil. When the almonds and honey are ready, pour them into this mold. Press another piece of buttered paper or foil on top of the hot mixture. On top of that, place a light wooden board of a size just to fit inside the mold and put a reasonably heavy weight on top of the board, so that the candy mixture will be pressed down and solidified. Let it cool gradually at room temperature. Do not refrigerate. When it is cool, take it out of the mold, peel off its covering, lay it on a wooden board and, with a heavy, sharp knife, cut it up into bite-sized squares. Store these in a tightly lidded jar. At room temperature, they will be chewy. From the refrigerator, they will be crackly. This candy will have a different flavor for every kind of honey used. You can, literally, make hundreds of different experiments, because there are hundreds of honeys.
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WHITE BREAD
Ingredients: 1 small to medium potato, peeled and sliced; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1/2 tablespoon cake fresh or envelope dried yeast; 1/2 cup melted butter, melted and cooled. Method: In a large bowl add 3/4 cup very warm water; 1/3 cup honey; 1/2 cup very warm water until foamy. Add 3/4 cup honey; stir well. Add 1 cup flour and beat well. Add foaming yeast mixture and stir well again. Turn out onto floured board, adding enough flour to prevent stickiness. Knead thoroughly until elastic and springy.

Preheat oven to 375° and bake 10 minutes; then raise the oven to 350° and bake 35 minutes or until golden brown. Knock bread out of pan and place on rack. Do not cover. Makes 2 loaves.

MIX MEAL BREAD
Ingredients: 1/2 cup plus 1 teaspoon honey; 1/2 cup very warm water; 1 envelope dry yeast; 1 teaspoon ginger; 2 cups corn meal; 3 cups milk scalded; 3 pounds flour, approximately; 1 tablespoon salt, 1/2 cup butter, melted and cooled. Method: Dissolve 1 teaspoon honey in water. Add yeast and ginger and stir well. Let stand in bath of very warm water until foamy.

In a large bowl add corn meal and pour milk in. Stir well and let cool until warm to the touch. Add 1/2 cup honey; stir well. Add 1 cup flour and beat well. Add foaming yeast mixture and stir well again. Let stand 5 minutes then add 1/2 cup butter and salt. Stir well. Add enough remaining flour to make stiff dough. Turn out onto a floured board, adding enough flour to prevent stickiness. Knead thoroughly until elastic and springy.

Preheat oven to 375° and bake 10 minutes; then raise the oven to 350° and bake 35 minutes or until golden brown. Knock bread out of pan and place on rack. Do not cover. Makes 2 loaves.

BRAISED BREAD
Cut each dough into halves. Roll each piece with the hands into long ropes 24 inches in length. Place 1 yar rope and 1 pumpernickel bread rope together and twist them together. Place on a greased cookie sheet and bring ends together pinching ends to seal. Repeat using other two ropes. Let rise until double in a warm place, about 40 minutes. Bake in a preheated oven, 350°, for 45 minutes or until loaf when tapped sounds hollow. Makes 2 loaves.

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sweet baking chocolate; 3 ounces unsweetened baking chocolate; 
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Method: Break up chocolate, place in a large bowl and melt 
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Swirl the 2 tablespoons of chocolate and meringue around inside 
15-1 quart mold to make marbled effect. Spoon in remaining 
mixture and freeze until serving time.

ITALIAN MERINGUE
Ingredients: 1 cup sugar, 1/3 cup water, 3 egg whites, pinch salt, 
pinch cream of tartar, 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Method: Combine sugar and water in saucepan and set over 
high heat. Swirl pan slowly but do not stir sugar with a spoon 
while liquid is coming to a boil. Continue swirling until mixture 
turns from cloudy to clear. Cover pan, reduce heat, and simmer.

In a large bowl of electric mixer, beat egg whites, slowly at first. 
Add salt and cream of tartar, increase speed to fast, and beat un- 
til egg whites form stiff peaks. Beat in vanilla.

Increase heat under sugar syrup to boiling and when bub- 
bbles begin to thicken, check temperature on candy thermometer 
or drop dribslets into ice water. Boil to 238°, or softball stage.

Resume beating egg whites at moderate speed and dribble boil- 
ing syrup into them. Continue beating until cool, and stiff peaks 
form, about 8-10 minutes.

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Method:

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2 (quart pot put 
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salt pork, diced small; 1/2 cup dry white wine; 1 tablespoon salt; 1 teaspoon dry 
tarragon; 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper; 1 liver

from capon, finely chopped; 1 bottle dry white wine for poaching.

Method for boning: Dry the outside of the capon and remove the 
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with a sharp knife, preferably one made for boning, make a cut 
through the skin from tail to neck following the line of the breast 
bone. Carefully ease the skin away from the breast, cutting the thin membrane attaching it when necessary. Continue until all the 
skin has been freed and there are 2 flaps, one on each side.

Holding the knife at an angle with the sharp edge toward the 
bone, ease the breast on either side away from the bone, using 
your fingers when necessary. When the breast meat from tail to 
back has been released you will find a V-shaped bone con- 
ected to the wing joint by a ball and socket joint. With the blade 
of the knife ease the ball from the 
socket. Repeat on the other side 
and remove each half of the 
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"Rose hybridizers are getting the message: A rose should smell like a rose"

Rose Society also publishes a book What Every Rose Grower Should Know, priced at $1.50 for members, $1.75 for nonmembers. And the annual Handbook for Selecting Roses is only 10c if you also send a self-addressed stamped envelope. The Handbook consists of a list of practically every rose available from growers at the present time, with color and type descriptions of each, and numerical ratings based on members' experiences with the listed varieties.

Another organization devoted entirely to roses is All-America Rose Selections, better known by its initials, AARS. This is an association of commercial rose growers set up to evaluate new roses as they come particularly so. AARS has a booklet titled Roses are For You. It's free for the asking from All-America Rose Selections, P.O. Box 218, Shenandoah, Iowa 51601. Jackson & Perkins continues to be the nation's leading supplier of rose plants. This year J&P is offering a special selection of roses and other plants for Christmas giving. Its Christmas gift catalogue, as well as its regular catalogue of roses, may be had by writing to Jackson & Perkins, Medford, Ore. 97501. And the old-fashioned roses—less floriferous than modern kinds but with a full-blown charm of their own—are a specialty of Tillotson's Roses, 802 Brown's Valley Rd., Watsonville, Calif. 95076. The Tillotson catalogue is $1.

Whether you prune evergreens in winter or summer, it seems a shame to waste the cut-off material. It's always useful for flower arrangements, of course, but a more interesting use of putting clipped evergreen twigs to work has been invented by Stephen Barany (page 68). Mr. Barany makes forms of wire mesh and pokes the twigs into these, creating instant topiary. His elephant—in the picture, right—is holding a popcorn bell—is sprigged with boxwood, but any other small-leaved evergreen would work as well. You could make your own forms by scrunching up chicken wire, but Mr. Barany will save you the trouble and give the piece his own touch of artistry as well. In addition to the elephant he has a gymnastic monkey and teddy bear, each priced at $3.50 postpaid, from Stephen Barany, 149 East Seventy-second St., New York, N.Y. 10021.

Keeping a cut Christmas tree fresh and green throughout its tour of duty as the center of holiday festivities may sound impossible, but a formula developed by Harold Cook, a florist in Dixon, Ill., has been on trial for several years and really seems to work. The recipe calls for 1/4 cup micronized iron, 1 gallon hot water, 2 cups light corn syrup, and 4 teaspoons household chloride bleach. The micronized iron (sold in garden supply shops as Green Garder) is stirred into the hot water, the corn syrup (Karo) and bleach added, and the bottom end of the tree dunked into the mixture immediately. The tree trunk should be freshly cut, preferably on a slant, to make certain it begins taking up the solution without delay. A tree stand with a generous reservoir to hold the liquid should be used, and fresh warm water added as the level goes down. This treatment not only keeps the needles on the tree, it also keeps them green and supple and, since the whole tree remains turgid with moisture, it is effective fire-proofing, too.
Joel Poinsett, United States Minister to Mexico from 1826 to 1829, really started something when he brought plants of *Euphorbia pulcherrima* home with him. He called it “painted leaf” but in popular use his own name quickly became attached to the plant and “poinsettia” it has been ever since. At home in Mexico and Central America poinsettia is a gawky shrub with tufts of red leaves at the branch tips. With careful cultivation, pruning, feeding, heat and light control it becomes a fine greenhouse plant. Best of all, normal flowering time is early winter and a plant is at its showy peak around Christmas time. Small wonder, that by the end of the 19th century Poinsett’s introduction had become one of the most popular plants for winter displays, a regular item of Christmas decoration. It was left for our time, to see what the poinsettia can really do.

In the 1920s, Paul Ecke, a California nurseryman, decided to try improving the plant that had long been a specialty in the family business. His years of skillful breeding have brought us poinsettias that last for months on end, with huge flowers and a great variety of colors. (Everyone knows, of course, that the true flowers of the poinsettia are the little green and yellow knobs at the center of the colored leaf cluster, but we honor botanical correctness in the breach and call the leaf cluster the flower.) The Ecke varieties are white, cream, and rose as well as several shades of the familiar bright red. They are all beautiful but the “Christmas red” is, and will probably continue to be, the most popular.

Understandably enough, people who grow the plants commercially try to discourage home gardeners who want to carry them over niore years of flowering. But a good many of us feel that our gardening skill is being challenged and try to keep our poinsettias growing and producing, with success that can only be called mixed. If you want to try it, begin by taking good care of your plant while it is in flower. This means keeping it well watered, in bright light but not hot sunlight, cool—60 degrees or lower at night—and out of drafts, either hot or cold. When the flowers fade, in January or February, cut off the stalks, leaving just three joints at the base of each stem. Keep the plant dry and cool for the next six weeks or so, then begin watering and, as soon as new shoots appear, fertilizing. Any all-purpose fertilizer will do and, as with most plants, frequent weak applications are better than widely spaced stronger doses. As soon as the weather warms up, set the plant outdoors in a sunny spot that is sheltered from the wind. The pot may be sunk in the ground up to its rim or the plant taken out and planted directly in the ground, although that may mean a problem when it comes time to repot and take the plant indoors again. Early in July, pinch back each of the new shoots to one or two joints and keep the plant well watered and fed for the rest of the summer, pruning only enough to keep it compact and shapely. Take the plant inside again in late September—then comes the tricky part. Poinsettias bloom when the nights are longer than the days and need at least fourteen hours of darkness each night to produce. This means real darkness. If, for instance, your plants are shut away in a dark room and someone turns on a light for no more than a minute or two the flower-producing process is upset. With no more than two or three plants it should be pretty simple to take them into a cool, dark cellar or closet every night, bring them out where they get bright light—no more than 10 hours—during the day. Then, when the flower color is well developed, they may be placed on display wherever you want to show them off. Poinsettias have few pests. Scale, when it appears, may be swabbed off with alcohol on a tuft of cotton. Aphids should be drowned by a thorough drenching with plain water. Joel Poinsett is said to have spent many happy hours putting in his own greenhouse—he would certainly be pleased to see the interest and enthusiasm that his plant with the painted leaves arouses today.

Living Christmas trees are an established holiday tradition in many families. The effect has been a remarkable build-up in the population of evergreen trees. All in all this is fine, but some dooryards quickly run out of space to accommodate an annually increasing population of such bulky and fast-growing denizens as fir and spruce trees. A simple and effective solution for the problem is to remove one old tree for each new one that is added. This works well on several counts. To begin with, cutting your Christmas tree in your own yard makes certain that it is absolutely fresh and healthy. Also, it is better for the newly bought living tree, which, instead of having to withstand the punishment of staying indoors for a week or more, may be planted outdoors at once. Then, too, it gives you a chance to revise and improve your landscaping year by year. Overgrown or badly located trees are removed and put to good use while new young trees fill gaps and become part of a lifelong plant-and-cut program.
FOOD

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brane between the upper and lower sets and the top half of the rib cage will come away in one piece. You are now left with a boat shape and 2 skin flaps. Simmer the bones you remove in enough water to cover them in a small saucepan—this stock will be added to the wine for poaching, if needed.

Method for stuffing: Mix together in a large bowl chicken and veal mixture, salt pork, brandy, white wine, salt, tarragon, pepper, and liver and pile it into the capon's cavity, mounding to the shape of a whole bird. Take 6 pieces of the capon's breast you laid aside in the process of half-boning, lay them over the mounded stuffing and bring the skin of the capon up to cover the mounded stuffing and breast meat in a natural-looking way. With a needle and string sew the two halves of the skin together, starting from the tail of the bird. Tie the capon firmly in a piece of doubled cheese cloth. It is now ready for the pot.

Place the capon breast side up in the pot, pouring the bottle of white wine over it. If there is not enough to cover 5 of the bird, add sufficient stock to do so. Bring to a boil on top of the stove, then lower the heat and simmer gently, covered, for 15 hours. Test after 1 hour by moving the leg; if it moves freely, it is most likely done. Apply a second test by sticking a sharp knife into the thigh or drumstick. If the juices run clear, the bird is cooked. Lift in a warmed sauceboat. Sprinkle the parsley over the dish.

Sauce

Ingredients: 4 bundles of broccoli, 2 tablespoons salt, % cup sour cream, 4 tablespoons softened butter, salt and freshly ground black pepper.

Method: Trim stalks and with a vegetable peeler remove coarse outside bark. Stand the broccoli in a pot large enough to hold it, stalks down. If you don't have a pot large enough to hold all of the broccoli at one time cook in 2 pots. Bring 3-4 quarts of water to a boil in a separate kettle. Sprinkle the broccoli with 2 tablespoons salt. Pour the boiling water over the broccoli. Water should not come above the broccoli flowers. Cover with damp cheesecloth. Over high heat bring to a boil and cook for 6 minutes. Steam trapped by the cheesecloth will cook the broccoli tops. Drain and chop coarse-ly. Purée in the blender, add butter and sour cream to assist the blending. Season the purée with freshly ground black pepper and, if needed, salt. Serve hot.

PLUM PUDDING

Ingredients: 1 lb. pounds beef suet membrane removed and grated coarsely, chilled thoroughly; 1 pound white bread crumbs prepared from day-old bread; 4 cups all-purpose flour and 1 teaspoon baking powder sifted together; % pound raisins, large, % pound currants or spice, % pound suet, bread crumbs, flour, washed and dried; 8 large eggs, lightly beaten with % cup brandy. Add the capon from the pot very gently so as not to break it and keep it warm while you strain the stock from the pot and finish the sauce.

SAUCE

Ingredients: 5 egg yolks; 1 cup heavy cream; 4 cups strained stock, reduced to 2-4 tablespoons sweet butter; finely chopped parsley for garnish.

Method: In a large bowl beat the egg yolks lightly and mix with cream. Stir mixture into the warm stock and heat gently until it thickens. At the last minute stir in 4 tablespoons butter bit by bit. Serve hot. Spoon some of the sauce over the capon and serve the remainder

in the center and add the softened yeast mixture with 1 cup of the lukewarm milk. Stir gradually drawing in the flour to make a smooth batter and beat well for 2 minutes. This may be done with much less labor in the bowl of a mixer, using a dough hook or paddle. Cover the bowl with a damp cloth and let rise in a warm place for 2-3 hours or until the batter is light and full of bubbles. Beat mixture to knock out air and beat in remaining buckwheat flour. Cover, allow to rise again until batter is doubled in bulk, about 2 hours.

With the remaining cold milk until the batter is smooth, then beat in the egg yolks, melted butters,
ter, and sour cream, and add a little more milk, if necessary. The batter should be the consistency of heavy cream. In separate bowl, beat egg whites until they hold a stiff peak. Fold into batter and let stand for 30 minutes.

Heat in lightly buttered griddle or heavy skillet and pour in the batter with a small ladle to make 3-inch rounds. Cook for 2-3 minutes until the underside of the blini is slightly browned and the top bubbling. Turn and brown the other side. Keep the blini warm while cooking the rest of the batter and serve the blini hot. They do not reheat well.

BRUSH the blini with butter, add a spoonful of sour cream and top with caviar, and eat with your fingers. Makes 30 blini.

MUSHROOM SOUFFLE

Ingredients: 1 lb. pound mushrooms; 5 tablespoons butter; 5 tablespoons flour; 1 teaspoon salt; 1/2 teaspoon paprika; dash of pepper. Add yolks and mushroom sauce to roux. In a bowl, beat 1/2 pound mush­rooms to roux. In a bowl, beat egg whites until they hold a stiff peak. Fold into batter and serve the blini hot.

Method: Preheat oven to 400°. Wipe mushrooms with damp cloth and slice thin. Melt butter in heavy pan. Add flour, salt, paprika, and cayenne. Cook for 3 minutes stirring. Heat milk to just under a boil. Add gradually to roux, whisking vigorously. Add Parmesan. Add yolks and mushroom sauce to roux. In a bowl, beat white and cream of tartar until they hold a stiff peak. Fold into batter and serve the blini hot.

Boil potatoes unpeeled in water used for beans until tender, then drain and dry them thoroughly and cut into small dice. Drain the truffles and slice very thin, then slice again in slivers as thin as matchsticks.

Thin the mayonnaise with the vinegar to make it the consistency of heavy cream. In a mixing bowl add all the vegetables and most of the chopped shallots. Mix with the prepared dressing, taking great care not to add too much dressing. The julienne of vegetables should be well-coated and no more. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Spoon into a salad bowl — a glass one is ideal, and sprinkle the remaining parsley over the vegetables before serving.

Serve immediately.

**SALAD PAULETTE**

Ingredients: 4 ribs celery; 2 pounds fresh green beans; 2 tablespoons salt; 6-8 small red potatoes; 1 small can truffles; 1 cup commercial mayonnaise, 1/2 cup vinaigrette dressing; 1/2 cup parsley sprigs, finely chopped; salt and pepper.

**Method: Wash the ribs of celery and with a vegetable peeler remove, if any, the outer tough skin. Slice very thin on the bias. Wash the beans and cut off the tops and tails. Bring 2 quarts water to a boil and add 2 tablespoons salt. Add the beans and when the water comes to the boil again set the timer for 4 minutes. Bite into 1 or 2, it should be firm. Drain, run cold water on beans. Allow to dry in a colander and complete drying by laying them on paper towels. Discard any too thick or too long.**

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In upstate New York John Rugge of Glens Falls calls on the wilderness and his imagination to fill his house with Christmas for his friends. "Having grown up in a wilderness area we always use the wild natural things in our environment for Christmas," says Mr. Rugge. "We always go to the woods for a spruce or a balsam, decorating it with tasseled pine cones and grape clusters of nuts."

"I try to find the biggest pine cones and then tie the ends with tassels of colored yarn. I wire the nuts of various kinds into grape-like clusters, covering some with gold or silver paper, leaving some plain.

"Around the living room we fill blue and white Canton ginger jars with white pine clipped very round, sometimes adding red holly berries or dried pods sprayed white. In the dining room silver bowls are piled high with silver balls and greens. And always on a chest nearby we have a lot of different sized candlesticks with various heights of red candles. Candlelight makes the silver glow even more, our house even brighter."

Mr. and Mrs. Bjarni Bjornsson of Reykjavik, Iceland, have to search much farther for their tree, for in Iceland all Christmas trees are imported from Denmark.

"Cleared out hundreds of years ago by early Scandinavians who took our trees for granted, the Christmas tree in Iceland is now very precious," Mr. Bjornsson points out. "Our Christmas tree," adds his wife, "is always in the dining room, which makes every meal an occasion. We decorate only with gels; angels we have collected in all over the world, and we have a silver, web-like garland that here we call 'angels' wings. We probably keep our tree up much longer than others, but December is the darkest time of our year and any lights, especially those of Christmas, are a joy."

Mrs. Roger Carson of Monkton, Md., admits, "Vegetable soup, of all things, gives our Christmas a different flavor. It all started when our elder daughter, a vegetarian, wanted to make her-kinda-of-soup for a small band of carolers who come by on horseback on Christmas Eve. She made it once a year with her brother and sister. With all of them usually away at college it is marvelous to see them working together all day in the kitchen on the holiday. It stirs up a wonderful Christmas feeling for all of us."

"They use about fifteen different vegetables, fresh and frozen, from bean sprouts to okra. They chop with a weakness for each, a jar of artichoke hearts for an older boy, down to a jar of caviar for the youngest—some delicacy they would never have all to themselves any other time of the year."

In Nantucket, Mass., where there are no traffic lights and the library cards are as blue as the sea, Cary Bolton starts Christmas in the summer. "Really in April," she admits. "I have a certain beach where, after the tide goes out, the spring sand is covered with a delicate blanket of scallop shells, my favorites—usually a set of shells to a couple. At home I write the most colorful shells, pinks and corals to our green wreath on the front door. I find it hard to stop. To me scallop shells are the most beautiful natural treasures of all.

In Baltimore, Md., Peggy Maher discovers new decorations, a new theme every year for the wreath she makes her children—doves, bells, and balls, whatever catches the fancy. The next year the decorations leave the wreath to go on the Christmas tree for permanent residence.

For her friends' children Mrs. Maher makes festive felt Christmas calendars. "They're sort of make-do and make believe," she says. "I always used to pretend that the children made them as my stitches weren't much." The calendars are charming—a square of bright yellow felt, 20 by 30 inches, with a large green Christmas tree sewed in the center. Along three sides, the left, lower, and right, she sews a row of small yellow pockets each numbered in green felt. I through 23, up until a red pocket heralds the 24th of December.

In each pocket is a tiny token attached to a tiny safety pin—a star, a butterfly, a golden acorn, a bumblebee. Each day a pocket is taken home to hang in a window or on a tree. Last year one very small six-year-old with very big eyes looked up at me and said, 'Don't it just feel good here? That, I guess, was my best Christmas present of all.'"

Christmas for Mrs. Roy D. Pruden of Babylon, N.Y., is "one huge, enormous chutney up there, descend slowly toward December to envelop all of us, some with happiness, some with endurance, some with greed. Christmas for me is people who respond to celebrations, the effects and efforts of being together. And it's simply not a 'my' celebration. We're all in it. And the greatest part is to be included and be part of as many other 'mys' as you can. Christmas is the presence of people, a time when none of us are very independent. We all have a memory that retains the 'best one,' and we all have to help each other make merry. I don't know any glitter that would whitenose the presence of a person."

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