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## The Whole Town 0wns

## This House

few years ago the town fathers of Atlanta, III. (pop. 1,300), gave their community a "memorial for the living." It is
 a fine old house located a bit out from the business district, and known as the Eminence Memorial Home. Under the supervision of Atlanta's Park Recreation Board, Eminence's $I_{3}$ rooms house all kinds of community, cultural, and recreational activities. Eleven organizations, including civic clubs and the Scouts, hold their regularly scheduled meetings here, and the house's facilities are always open to worth-while civic projects.
It's a memorial to the present instead of the past. And just recently, it started playing an important role in the future of the town as well. For it now houses a kindergarten-a constructive and pub-lic-minded one which should make good citizens of Atlanta's small fry. About 22 children are enrolled now, with promise of more.

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Civic groups, j.g., meet in the Scout rooms above the Home. Here Girl Scouts and Brownies form "friendship circle"

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## The Whole Towil

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Scoutmaster George W. Brock gives the Boy Scout cooking class a chalk talk, for Scouts must learn early to cook

Now, towns of this size are often kindergarten-less. Atlanta was, and its grade school just couldn't accommodate one. So a group of mothers got together and took their problem to the Park Recreation Board. Privately financed classes, held in the spacious, well heated basement of Eminence, seemed to be the answer. And a competent primary teacher and assistant were interviewed and approved.
And all did not go smoothly. The teachers had to be paid, and parents agreed upon $\$ 2$ weekly per child. But the by-laws of the Home provide that its facilities can't be used for individual profit. And when some citizens couldn't pay, it didn't seem right to conduct private classes in the town's own building.
Obviously, the plan was to the best interests of the community, so the Board got around its by-laws in a most sensible way. It agreed to pay the $\$ 2$ fee for all parents who couldn't afford the luxury of a private class. That made it an open-to-all project, and perfectly legal. To date, the Board hasn't been called upon to put up money for this purpose, but it's ready to do so.
The parents pay the Board, and the Board turns over the fees in full to the teachers. No rent is paid for the kindergarten rooms, and the Board leaves the operation of the classes up to the teachers, who shoulder all expenses and make their own policy. They do their own janitoring, too. So far, the plan has worked famously. Mothers are satisfied that their youngsters are getting constructive, supervised play, and valuable preschool training which will be of great benefit to them when they actually start going to school. And the Eminence Memorial is sheltering still another worth-while project, more than carrying out its tradition as a "memorial for the living."


This place isn't for juniors only. It is used by Legionnaires and other civic groups for meetings and recreation


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## HAVDSOME l3 D INIVG R00MS

fIive a good tradition enough time, and it triumphs-even over our foolish attempts to abandon it. Take II the dining room, for instance. The family dinner hour didn't mean much there for a while, in makeshift "dining areas" which just didn't work. And so now, even in the smallest new houses, efforts are made to squeeze in a separate dining room. There is an urge for a dedicated spot, however small, especially arranged for the pleasant rite which takes place there. We show you herewith a fine assortment of dining rooms-all sizes, many styles. You'll note their traditional air, but note too, please, that they're blessed with a new point of view. In keeping with this new-old tradition is the furniture shown on this page and on our cover. It's Drexel's new "Cherry Highlands" group, inspired by American antiques the late Wallace Nutting illustrated in his celebrated book, Furniture Treasury. It s fine design honors our past, while its proportions suit it to today's rooms which could never take on Grandma's oversized furniture. It's traditionally American as blueberry pie, but there's good modern thinking behind the way we've led into it by placing one large piece outside the dining room proper, and the way we've tied it all in with the same carpet. New too, in dining rooms, are the colors and fabrics we've put together here.


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# HANDSOME 



Furniture: The Mengel Co.

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# R00 IIS 

IIe're grateful that the dining room's back, but its living-room exile did teach us a thing or two. Certainly it helped us happily over some fusty old taboos. For example, in the old days, only certain woods, certain wallpapers (mostly floral), certain pictures (still-life, often dead fish), certain rugs (Oriental or floral) and certain furniture arrangements (table, dead center) were considered "right" in a dining room. Now we've learned the value of light woods as well as dark ones, and even of such "outdoorsy" materials as metal-and-glass or the split bamboos which can make a dining room gay on a budget. If our view is good, or if the room furnishes better that way, we put the table by the window. And from plaids to landscapes, from chocolate browns to pale blues, any patterns and colors which warm our hearts we use here.


Furniture: L. \& J. G. Stickley Co. Photographed at Strawbridge \& Clothier, Philadelphia


Home of Gen. and Mrs. Francis Brady


Iome of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. McLarry


Home of Dr, and Mrs. H. Robert Dykes, Sr. Decorator: Barker Bros., Los Angeles

There's a subtle new look to dining rooms, regardless of their size, or the degree of their formality-and the key to it is in the fact that furniture no longer is labeled for one room only, that manufacturers are designing pieces to move from room to room. Even though it is on its own, the dining room is apt to open right off the living room-so we treat the two areas to harmonize visually, often starting with a carpeting practical for both. Notice that diningroom chairs make fine pull-ups in the living room, that chests are of a type which look well wherever you put them. See how dining rooms look better than ever with window treatments, and lamps, and ornaments which used to be earmarked (Heaven only knows why!) for living rooms only. And while the dining room got its new look, it learned other new tricks: thanks to Lazy-Susan tables, to synthetic rug fibers which spot-clean in a jiffy, to new table surfacings and fabrics, the dining room makes little added work in return for the downright comfort and sense of well-being it gives.


Home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Blum


Home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bassler; Furniture: Consider H. Willett Co.

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house which thus seems part of the garage and is unobtrusive; as it faces west, the plants get the benefit of the full afternoon sun, broken and softened, of course, by the slats of the snow fence that forms the roof and sides. The $2^{\prime}$ high cement-block wall extends around three sides (except where space is left at one end for the door); $5^{\prime}$ lengths of $\mathrm{r}^{\prime \prime}$ galvanized pipe set $9^{\prime \prime}$ deep in cement in the top of the wall, about $2^{\prime}$ apart, are connected at the top by slip fittings to pipes which, attached to the garage wall with floor flanges, form horizontal supports. The $4^{\prime}$ wide snow fence is wired to the supports with its slats parallel to the garage wall on the roof, and horizontal at the ends and on the
side. Where the ends of the slats butt together, they are covered on the outside and held firm by vertical wooden strips.
Orchids like half shade, half sun, and no wind; also a twice daily sprinkling of their strap-shaped, waxy leaves. This is a time-taking chore when one has up to a hundred plants on the benches and hanging from the sides and roof of the slat house. So I worked out a quick and easy way to water my orchids. One lawn sprinkler head attached to the garage wall and connected to a length of $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ pipe sends out a fine misty spray that reaches every plant in the house at a twist of the turn-on valve outside. It's effective and so simple!



TThe people down Natchez, Mississippi, way are about as house-conscious as they come, but their idea of a fine home is usually the stately ante-bellum mansion, surrounded by formal gardens and reflecting a way of life that has long since passed from the scene. Barbara Blum, a Natchez girl who now lives in Dallas, had dreamed of owning just such a house before her husband, an electrical engineer, found that he couldn't fit his ideas on architecture and home engineering into a house that was traditional in any way, shape, or form.

So the Blums sat down with an architect to plan a modern home around Mr. Blum's ideas-with the understanding that if Mrs. Blum didn't like it, the deal was off and they'd head back to traditional. Well, you know how engineers are. Full of ideas and ways to save steps, time, and money. It didn't take Mrs. Blum very long to admit that while her Natchez tradition was a pretty one, nothing can compare with good modern if you want time to enjoy living in your home. Realizing that a compromise house is nothing at all, she succumbed completely to modern.

The modern design of this house fits in perfectly with the climate of Dallas which, as any Texan will tell you, is the best in the world. The exterior of the house is old brick and timber. Patio furniture and flowers in yellows and pinks


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## HOME WITHOLT COMPROMISES

FOR ENGINEER HERMAN BLUM AND NATCHEZ-BRED MRS. BLUM




3. To cut boxing, measure from chalk mark on top piece to bottom of mattress. We suggest working on made-up bed so that the slip cover will fit perfectly without unsightly bulges

4. Boxing must be cut double width to allow for the heavy cording which not only looks smart, but also prevents the fabric from mussing. With yardstick and chalk, mark off width of boxing piece from selvage

10. Cover cord with bias strips using the cording foot of your sewing machine. Join strips with a diagonal seam. You can make miles of cording in a couple of hours with this attachment shape, it is necessary to cut one piece for each side, plus end pieces. Cording is sewn around end pieces, inserted between three sides

16. Measure bolsters. In order to retain square

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5. Draw a straight line along chalk marks with a yardstick. Cut along this line. These simple measuring precautions will assure you a straight and even piece. Trim off the selvage

11. Baste cording to top piece of mattress cover. Notch fabric as shown when going around curved corners. Sew on sewing machine. If you plan to use thinner cording, pin instead of basting
17. Fourth side of bolster cover is not corded. Long zipper is inserted to permit easy removal of bolster. Baste zipper into place as directed on package, then sew on machine with zipper foot

9. Cording for top and for bolsters is covered with bias strips, $3^{\prime \prime}$ wide. To make them, fold fabric diagonally so selvages meet. Crease, chalk crease, and use mark as cutting guide
15. When all rows of cording have been sewn in place, join boxing strip to top piece, which has cording sewn around edges (step 11). Hem remaining fabric at bottom of boxing


## Couch



1. Start with the top piece. With bed fully made up, smooth fabric over top blanket. You can feel rolled edges of mattress through the coverings-outline them in chalk on fabric

2. Now start on cover for the spring. Cut fabric for top same way as for top of mattress. For skirt, measure from chalk mark to floor. Allow for hem or double fabric, or line with contrast

3. Because cord is thick, do only one row at a time. Baste second row of cording into fabric, then stitch. Here is how to measure and mark fabric for eapch row of cording you add. Baste along the chalk lines

4. If you're using a $36^{\prime \prime}$ fabric, one width isn't enough for most beds. Add a strip of fabric along back of top. In measuring for added strip, allow $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ on each piece for each seam ( $2^{\prime \prime}$ in all for seams)

5. Measure around top of spring. Add $12^{\prime \prime}$ at each corner for kick pleat ( $6^{\prime \prime}$ for each side of pleat). Starting at center back or in one corner, pin skirt to top piece. Pleat at corners

6. This photograph shows clearly how each row of cording is set in fabric. First two rows are completed and third is started. Fold surplus fabric under cording and sew along chalk marks

7. Smart cover and bolsters turn a boxspring and mattress into a handsome sofa by day. A similar cover may be used for other types of studio couches, though skirt may have to be joined to boxing strip

8. "Woodbine," a new sculptured pattern, is made of melamine plastic, by Watertown Lifetime Ware, in a choice of 8 colors. Chip-proof and unbreakable, 16 -piece set is $\$ 16.95$.
9. How old the design, but how new the colors! Georgian tumblers-iced teas and sherbets to match-come in 9 colors. Tumblers, $55 ¢$ ea. Viking Glass Corp.
10. Hardly a size or color combination is unavailable in these handsome braided rugs of cotton over a heavy wool core. Over 50 sizes, many colors, mixed or solid. $4^{\prime}$ red and black circle, \$22.50. Robert E. Mitchell \& Co.
11. Mayan-inspired "Kru Ware" by Ken Sebring comes in a wide variety of shapes, with sgraffito and painted designs hand-applied. Prices from \$1 for ash tray to $\$ 5$ for candleholder.
12. This iron table with fitted pottery containers will hold a complete spaghetti supper or a variety of snacks. Table comes in black, containers in choice of five colors, $\$ 37.50$ complete.

Kay Finch Ceramics.
6. Wallpaper in easy-to-handle $14^{\prime \prime}$ squares, is available in many patterns and colors. In boxes of 27 sheets, or the equivalent of one roll of regular wallpaper, $\$$ r. 75 to $\$ 2.95$ per box. Wall-Dec Company.
7. Wastebasket of brass-handled antique or pickled pine. $\$ 30$. Alfred Assid. 8. Redwood overhead garage door kit includes all hardware, ready to install. In standard $8^{\prime}$ and $16^{\prime}$ widths, they may be trimmed on one side for an odd-sized door. Detailed instructions for assembling included. Single door kit, $\$ 58.91$. Sturdee Steel Products Co. 9. Prefabricated cupola, for garage or house, comes cut and ready to assemble. \$16.95. Trese Pre-Fab Industries.
10. Needle and presser bar are now slanted toward user for greater visibility. Weighing only 16 lbs., sewing machine by Singer is designed for use as a portable or in a regular cabinet. Knee and foot control. Machine and cabinet, $\$ 325$.

6. WALLPAPER TAKES A NEW SHAPE

7. ACCENT IN PINE

2. NEW COLORS FOR AN OLD FAVORITE

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1his little house has one priceless ingredient-the priceless know-how of the skilled professional designer. We say priceless-actually, you can buy that kind of talent to plan your home for you-if you can pick up the bill. But so many people who build homes of this size today really can't afford the services of a top-flight architect or designer. That's why we're featuring this gem of a small house as our American Home Blueprint House No. 17. We show you the inside first, because that's how all good house plans start-from the inside out. The secret of the feeling of such spaciousness in only about inoo sq. ft. lies in the open planning of that big area that encompasses living room, dining area, and kitchen. The large fireplace wall suggests the division of these areas-but actually the eye moves freely from end to end of this whopping big $281 / 2 \mathrm{ft}$. spread. There are many plusses in this plan you don't ordinarily find in a house this small (next page). For example, the handsome fireplace, plus the wonderful barbecue grill in the dining area; the ample space for table dining plus the breakfast bar. Note that there's a traditional big bay window at the front-plus a modern glass wall opening onto the terrace at the rear.


## Planned with priceless know-how $\$ 5.00$ buys this show-how



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DTBGMBR: WITHAN STEVENSON BUILDER: BRUCE TEBBE

FTive bucks brings you the complete blueprints f and specifications for this two-bedroom charmer-certainly a small price for the plusplanning designer William Stevenson and builder Bruce Tebbe created in such a relatively small space. The living area's unusually spacious (page 40 ), and the bedrooms have good closets and are easily accessible to the bathroom complete with stall shower. We don't quote costs because they vary so widely in different parts of the country. But 1100 sq. ft . or so (without garage) is a small house in any man's state.

The exterior is stained redwood siding with painted trim and shingle roof. New England might make it barn red; Ohio, yellow; Texas, tan - with equally effective results. The traditional design qualifies it for conservative neighborhoods, but the modern planning inside, the big glass windows which open at the back to good outdoor living, make it a house of today. In many areas, a two-car garage is a must. If it isn't in yours, think what a storage plus that big garage is.



FJor years we have all been familiar with fluorescent lighting in its use in shop windows, stores, offices. You may even have fluorescent lighting in your kitchen or bathroom. But it has taken these glowing wands of light quite a few years to break down the barriers of prejudice and gain acceptance in the living rooms of the home. Modern designers have been their greatest champions and have used these fluorescent units with strikingand sensible-effect. One of their most valued talents is their adaptability to function as a hidden source of light: illumination of any desired level, but so unobtrusively built in that you are rarely conscious of where the light comes from. Here are a few facts that may help you in your choice of a new kind of light where you need it . .
Does fluorescent lighting change the color of home furnishings? Yes, to a degree, and so does incandescent lighting alter colors if we use natural daylight as our standard. During recent years, however, there has been a tremendous improvement in the color rendition of fluorescent tubes. Today there are fluorescent tubes that bring out all of the colors in all materials . . . foods and
 complexions included. First, decide if a cool or
warm atmosphere is desired, then choose the De Luxe Cool White or the De Luxe Warm White to produce the desired effect. Fluorescent lighting now has not only acceptance but genuine popularity.
Are the fluorescent tubes limited in scope? No, during the last ten years rapid strides have been made in sizes. There are straight lengths from $6^{\prime \prime}$ up to an almost room-long $8^{\prime}$, and circular tubes $81 / 2^{\prime \prime}, 12^{\prime \prime}$ and $16^{\prime \prime}$ in diameter. Plastic- and glassdiffusing media for shielding the tubes have greatly improved in appearance as well as in efficiency. Is it a complicated matter to have fluorescent lighting installed? No, the permanently installed fixture, valance, or cornice fluorescent lighting is simply connected directly to the wires at the out-let-box location. In planning fluorescent lighting, the advice of experienced dealers or lightingfixture people should be sought. You have simply to outline your problem and they will show you how to achieve the effect you desire. In many towns and cities the electric service company maintains a staff of engineers and home-lighting specialists, who are glad to give unbiased recommendations for fashionable fluorescent lighting. If you have a seemingly peculiar or difficult problem, do not hesitate to take adyantage of this free and tremendously valuable service.
Can incandescent and fluorescent lighting be used in the same room? Yes, most people prefer a subtle blending of incandescent bulbs in floor

## You Need It


and table lamps and fluorescent tubes concealed behind valances and cornice boards.
Is it necessary to have the hum of fluorescent lighting? No. Parts called ballasts are built into the metal channels of housing that holds the sockets and the tubes, and if quality ballasts are used there is no hum. An inferior ballast or poorly fabricated fixture may produce a hum. Naturally, all inferior parts should be avoided. Can fluorescent lighting be used in "period" rooms? Certainly. Here its ability to hide itself is of great advantage in rooms which may be poorly lighted by handsome but inadequate table lamps. It has been successfully installed behind such authentic architectural woodwork details as deftly curved period cornices near the ceiling of a room. The luminous tubes shed a clear soft light over the ceiling which is reflected downward as general illumination. Or they may be installed behind cornice boards of valances of draperies to shed light both downward and upward over the ceiling. Beneath obscure glass panels or tucked behind moldings, they can shed light upward and outward into recessed niches to light plants or collections. The new circular tubes can be recessed into the bowls of many period chandeliers to shed a soft glow over the ceiling.


SOFT WHITE FLUORESCENT TUBE


1. Fluorescent lighting can keep unobtrusive company with elegant period furnishings, and provide adequate lighting where
lamps are out of place. Simple cornice board above this bay window continues along one wall, conceals new slim-line fluorescent tubes
2. One 40 -watt fluorescent tube in a recessed glass-shielded luminaire directs light downward over entrance steps, lighting the front door as well. Slanted white plaster wings at either side are good reflectors. How much more effective-and safe-than the usual dim bulb
3. Incandescent downlight from this light box supplements fluorescent lighting used elsewhere in room. Rheostat-controlled bulbs light all at once or in alternate panels behind squares of ribbed obscure glass
4. Soft-light fluorescent tubes in cove shed warm light outward over ceiling; daylight tubes behind obscure glass shed cool light downward. Both installations on this page in the home of architect John Lindsey, A.I.A.

5. You transfer this design to organdy, color with crayon, stitch it in silk on velvet backed with felt. First place the organdy over the tracing pattern, and trace clearly. Color the entire motif with wax crayons. Then press with steam to set colors and prevent smearing. This tracing on organdy acts as a reinforcement for the dense stitching which follows
place organdy with transferred and colored design over this. Felt backing is essential here since it provides the firmness needed when stitching without presser foot. Baste all three fabrics together with silk thread, using diagonal stitches across fabrics
6. Place velvet on top of felt, pile side up, then



IIere's a new horizon-"painting" pictures in rich silk thread on your sewing machine! It started with the "fashion" stitches, so handsome they inspired us to put on our fanciest thinking caps and come up with a way to use this innovation to enhance your home's wardrobe, too. We chose a floral design in the Old Master tradition, and did it up on velvet. It's not too difficult for a beginner, and it just can't look amateurish. The Singer people liked it so well that all $\mathrm{r}, 200$ Singer Sewing Centers are demonstrating the technique on our pattern. But don't limit yourself. You can invent your own stitches, and use them, or ours, on a variety of fabrics to decorate chairs or boxesany place you'd use tapestry or needlepoint. And don't confine yourself to floral designs-crisp modern effects are splendid made this way.

The "Signature" stitch used for backgrounds, and mentioned in captions 3 and 5 , produces an interesting texture when stitched in curved lines. To make this stitch, you unbalance the machine's tensions as follows: The upper tension is tightened, and the lower tension is loosened, to the point where the lower thread rises to the surface in a gimp-like effect when the machine is operated rapidly, and the fabric is moved slowly. The presser foot is removed, as it is for the outline stitch described below. Put in dark shadings first to bring out the form of the outlined motif.
3. Use sewing silk for both bobbin and upper threading. A size 14 sewing-machine needle accommodates thread and fabric. Tensions are same as for regular stitching when outlining. For filling-in, use "Signature" stitch (see text). For both, remove presser foot, drop feed, set stitch regulator at neutral

DOROTHY LAMBERT TEUMM

## Machine

We made a full-size tracing pattern of these full-blown roses, and included instructions for embroidering on your sewing machine. Try it on velvet,
as we did, or try it on other fabrics to use as you'd use needlepoint-
for footstools, chair backs, etc. Your local Singer Sewing Center demonstrates
the whole process on this very pattern. (American Home Pattern 1458)

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4. Place fabric under needle. Lower presser-bar lifter to put upper tension in action. Holding the needle thread in left hand, turn balance wheel forward until needle brings up bobbin thread. Position needle in fabric. Operate machine slowly and evenly. Control fabric with tips of fingers

6. As work progresses, use curved nail scissors to trim organdy from design outline before solid areas are complete. Trimming lets you conceal frayed edges with stitches. Leave organdy on the background until the entire embroidery is finished

## With SPRING

## on your mind

If you live where winters are white-and love them so-you'll soon share the delights of the cold, clear crispness with the early crocus and the snowdrop, those engaging and prescient citizens of winter whose mood is so in tune with your own. And if you live where winters are mild, there's a new softness in the air, a new lilt to your walk, now that another year is upon us-and you're grateful once again to the generous climate which brings spring so soon, and so richly. But wherever you live, on fine days the first hints of spring in the air and on the ground stop you short. The early-
blooming branches can be coaxed into flower now, and
it's time to bring a few indoors to make their magic season so much longer. So say good-by to the polished fruit, to the evergreen sprays, to the jaunty dried leaves which have served you so well, and will serve you again in their own season. Now's the time to pledge the new year with something fresh-and these two arrangements are ideal for such celebration. In most parts of the country,
they're easy to work with, and give you you watch the lovely chartreuse buds turn into brilliant, blossoms. For the centerpiece at your right, use tulips in bud, with forced flowering quince -the tulips will open later and last long, but a few may be opened right now by the warmth of your hand if you press the petals gently. Or, for a sunny scheme, use forsythia and daffodils this way. To force branches, pick them after a freeze, crush their stems, and put them in deep water in a dark, cool place for a few days before exposing them gradually to heat and light, and spray occasionally to prevent their drying.

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Happy New Year! There's always hope, there's promise!
No sorrow ever held a crocus back.
The rigid earth revives, day breaks; tomorrow,
Deliberate, comes down the starry track.
louise driscoll, New Year

## MARTHA B. DAREYSHIRE

IIeet a Cinderella-Meissen china in the Onion pattern, one of the freshest, brightest, most appealing-and most ancient -chinaware patterns there is. It's highly prized by collectors to-day-and no wonder! But it wasn't always so. In well-to-do households in Germany where it was made, the sturdy, clean-cut, blue and white of Meissen Onion was everyone's favorite-for everyday use. But come Sunday, gaudier, flower bedecked, gilt-edged wares took its place-while our Cinderella looked on from the kitchen. However, the Onion's lineage was the most distinguished of them all: it was the first dinnerware pattern used on true porcelain in Europe. For centuries Europeans had admired the fineness, the thinness, and the smoothness of Chinese porcelain, and tried in vain to imitate it. Finally the secret was mastered by one Johann Böttger, an alchemist in the service of the Elector of Saxony, who, in 1710, opened the West's first porcelain factory at Meissen, near Dresden. And here the Onion pattern was soon born. Or rather, reborn-for these early porcelain makers looked to China for pattern inspiration as well as for the porcelain formula itself, and the Onion pattern was an old Chinese motif, beautifully adapted to western wares. It was so dearly beloved that they kept right on making the Onion at Meissen through the centuries-but always in limited quantities, so that it's hard to come by today. Mrs. Harold Ruben of Beverly Hills is a Meissen collector whose diligence has been well rewarded, as the examples we show you herewith testify eloquently. please turn to page 52


## This Onion Has Winning




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## Onion Is foood in the Kitchen

 ere is Meissen china to whet a collector's appetite-jars and strainers, egg cups and pepper mills, all in the same Onion pattern which bloomed on some of the finest of dinnerwares (page 50). You have to look hard to find these blue and white beauties, but if you keep your eyes open while you're "antique-ing," it is possible to assemble a sizeable collection, as did Mrs. Victor Blihar of Great Neck, Long Island. The pieces we show here are only a sampling of the ones she displays to great advantage in her heart-warming kitchen. The rolling pin, pie crimper, and potato masher she found in a pile of odds and ends in a thrift shop-the three priced as a lot for less than one usually pays for a single small piece. The others turned up, one by one, in antique shops she visited frequently. Not all Onion pattern china was made at Meissen proper, for as the popularity of the design spread all through Europe (and our own country too, for much of it was made for export), other factories "borrowed" the Onion from Meissen-whose designers had swiped it from the Chinese to begin with! In fact, they loved it so much in Denmark where the Royal Copenhagen factory used it to great advantage, that it is sometimes known as a "Copenhagen" pattern. Though not all true Meissen was marked, in some cases there's a mark to tell you the factory or the country of origin-for example, the ladles shown here bear the crossed swords of the Elector of Saxony, one of several marks used by the Meissen factory. But regardless of the country or the factory where it was made, the clear white and blue of a good piece of Onion pattern will gladden the eye which beholds it.


it on a platter of buttered noodles, and here is another recipe which you will find yourself using for family and company. You can make it more festive looking if you use larger-than-usual pieces of meat. Somehow it ceases to be just stew, that way.
Any Jam Cake means just what it says-you can do it with whichever flavor of jam your family prefers. This is not a fluffy cake; it is a good oldfashioned country loaf cake. Slices with fruit are grand-that is, if you can keep your small fry out of it for that long. And your menfolk.
Here are but five-and there are many more coming in future issues. So you can see why I feel so proud of our members. Being a Cheapies cook means being so many things. It's not just grimly licking the budget problem. It's not merely serving adequate nutrition. Above all, it's not just "feeding your face" -awful, but apt, expression in so many cases. These three are done by us, but they are like learning the scales or finger exercises when you learn to play the piano. A "must," but then comes the fun of it all. For we get fun out of our cooking, we Cheapies cooks, and well deserved satisfaction.
Winter is upon us, and I made a note to myself to be sure to remind you of tomato aspics. Tomatoes do reach a pretty low ebb in taste and a high price, so don't forget that this is a good time for whipping a bit of color into your salads via tomato aspic. Don't save them for summer when tomatoes are cheapyou need them now, too!
If left-over hot cereals worry you, try this oldie: Cook up a little sausage and mix well with the cereal, then chill-slice, dust with flour, and fry it for the next morning's breakfast. And soups. Instead of making a "stingie" of them, toss things into the pot with a bit more recklessness, and have yourself a delicious Cheapie dinner, not just a soup. Too, when salads go uneaten for lack of available variety for "makings" switch them to a first course, before appetites lose their heartiness, before something better is in sight!

Cheapies
(Begins on page 53)

Paradise Rice came to us un-named, but was unanimously christened with that name by every taster. It is only fair to pass on to you the warning that came with it-don't cheat on the butter! And no reason to do so, for actually it is a most inexpensive main dish. The grated cheese cooks into a marvelous sauce. There just aren't words for this one; it is a case of tasting is believing. If your holiday entertaining is incomplete, here is an easy way to make a sensation, and one which won't break your piggy-bank.

Mom's Braised Beef-well, her Mom sure knows how to cook! The marinade tenderizes any cheap, tough cut of beef, then works again for you to make a gravy that is quite different tasting. Serve

## - fricasseed potatoes <br> - paradise rice

## (two cheapies)

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I cup rice
l cup grated cheese
*2 can tomatoes
l cup finely chopped stuffed olives
I beef bouillon cube, dissolved in
1 beef bouillon cube,
Salt and pepper
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Mix all ingredients together and bake for 2 hours in greased casserole at $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Add more liquid if necessary.

Serves 6
Recipe submitted by D. S. Havland

2 tbs bacon drippings
2 tbs. flour
cup chopped onions
2 cups water
4 medium-sized potatoes, sliced
Brown together drippings and flour, and add onions. Wilt but do not brown ; add water and potatoes. Salt and pepper to taste. Bake in greased casserole for about 1 hr . at $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. When done, add thin slices of frankfurters and chopped chives or parsley.
Serves 6 Family-Tested
Recipe submitted by Mrs. C. F. Coons

## - Mom's braised beef (a cheapie)

1 cup apple juice or cider
1 tbs. molasses
1 lg . onion, sliced
1 clove garlic
1 bay leaf

1/8 tsp. allspice
2 lbs, beef, cut for stew
2 tbs. shortening
$11 / 2 \mathrm{tsp}$. flour
Salt and pepper

Mix together cider, molasses, onion, garlic, bay leaf, and spices in shallow bowl or pan. Add meat; cover and let stand. Turn and keep in marinade until ready to cook. (Marinating overnight in the refrigerator is the very best, but just a few hours will do it if you are rushed.) Melt shortening in skillet over low heat. Remove meat from marinade and dust with flour, salt, and pepper. Brown the pieces in melted shortening. Remove garlic and pour balance of the marinade over meat. Simmer for about 2 hours. If desired, thicken up the gravy, and serve meat and gravy over wide noodles or rice.

## Serves 6

FAMILY-TESTED
Recipe submitted by Mrs. Harry Flemming

- any jam cake (a cheapie)

2 tsp. baking powder
$1 / 2$ tsp. soda
$\begin{array}{lll}1 / 2 & \text { tsp. soda } \\ 1 / 2 & \text { tsp. salt }\end{array}$
$2 / 3$ cup bran cereal
1/2 cup shortening
$1 / 2$ cup milk
$1 / 2$ tsp. almond flavoring
$11 / 2$ cups sifted cake flour
2 eggs
1 cup jam
$\mathbf{S}_{\text {oak }}$ bran in milk. Add dry ingredients which have been sifted together. Add rest of ingredients and beat for 2 min . by hand or at low speed on electric mixer. Pour into greased $8^{\prime \prime}$ square pan. Bake at $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. for 35 min . Cool and frost.

## JAM FROSTINE

13 oz . pkg. cream cheese
$1 / 4$ cup jam
2 cups powdered sugar
Mix cheese and jam well: Sift in sugar and beat well. If you prefer

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collection of good recipes, it seems to us, is mighty like a collection of good silver: the longer you use it, the more you cherish it, and the more valuable it becomes-if it was good in the first place. Extra-good, that is, like the perfected old favorites we've presented here month after month. We collected them from hither and yon in the hope that they'd find a special niche in that sterling collection of yours. Like heirloom silver, they're the kind of good thing that's passed on from mother to daughter, then from mother to daughter again. But missing from our American Home Menu Maker were the great favorites we give you this month. They're dishes you've loved for years, and maybe you've devised a wonderful way to do them-but you'll not go wrong if you give our way a try! When the Government told us that beef supplies are larger, we rushed to give you tips for making your next standing rib roast your best ever-done to rare, medium, well-done-it's all there on our chart. With it, mashed potatoes, fluffy every time, and brown gravyneed we go on? Here for you to use and use-the way to good American eating for today, and many tomorrows.



# Take a Can of Fruit 

| California crisp |  | - pastel pie |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| YOU'LL NEED: | Drain fruit cocktail and reserve syrup. <br> Place half of fruit cocktail in a greased $8^{\prime \prime} \times 8^{\prime \prime}$ |  | Spread 2 tbs. soft butter or margarine evenly on bottom and sides of 9 -inch pie pan. |
|  |  | YOU'LL NEED | Sprinkle coconut in pan, pressing evenly into the butter or margarine. |
|  | margarine. Mix together $1 / 4$ cup fruit cock- |  | Bake at $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F} .10-12$ minutes. Cool. |
| * $21 / 2$ can fruit cocktail | fruit. | Butter or margarine | Drain fruit cocktail and reserve syrup. |
| Butter or margarine |  | 1 can moist-shredded | Prepare gelatin according to directions on the |
| ton | $3 / 4$ cup sifted all-purpose flour, I tsp. cin- | coconut | package, using I cup hot water and $2 / 3$ cup fruit cocktail syrup. |
| Brown sugar | namon, I tsp. salt. Sprinkle half of sugarflour mixture over fruit cocktail. | *303 or \#1 tall can | Chill until slightly thickened. Beat with rotary |
|  | Make second layer of remaining fruit cocktail. | fruit cocktail | beater until thick and fluffy. |
| Preparation time: 10 minutes Serves 6-8 | Dot with 2 tbs. butter or margarine. Mix together $1 / 4$ cup fruit cocktail syrup and I tbs. lemon juice; pour over fruit. <br> Top with remaining brown sugar-flour mixture. Bake at $350^{\circ}$ F. 30 minutes. | 1 pkg. lime-flavored gelatin | Beat $1 / 2$ cup heavy cream until stiff and fold into gelatin mixture. |
|  |  | Heavy cream | Pour mixture into cooled coconut shell. Chill |
|  |  |  | several hours until firm. <br> Tested in The American Home Kitchen |
|  | Originated in The American Home Kitche | Preparation time: 30 minutes | Serves 6 |
| - angel tutti-frutti | Cut slice from top of cake about one inch thick. Reserve cut slice. <br> Cut center of cake to within I inch of outer cake surface on sides and bottom. Remove | - fruit-'n-ginger puffs | Drain fruit cocktail and reserve syrup. Divide fruit among 6 greased baking cups. <br> Combine $11 / 2$ tbs. cornstarch and $1 / 2$ tsp. nutmeg. |
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| YOU'LL NEED: | Whip 2 cups heavy cream until stiff. Fold in | YOU'LL NEED: | stirring constantly. Continue stirring and |
|  | $1 / 2$ cup confectioners' sugar, I tsp. vanilla, |  | cook over low heat 5 minutes or until thick- |
| 8-10 inch baker's angel food cake | Drain fruit cocktail. Divide whipped cream in | *303 or *1 tall can | Prepare $1 / 2$ pkg. gingerbread or gingercake mix |
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| Heavy cream | hipped cream. Fill cake with fruit cocktai |  | ing cups two-thirds full with gingerbread |
| Confectioners' sugar * $21 / 2$ can fruit cocktail | Replace top of cake. Cover top and sides of cake with remaining whipped cream. (If desired, decorate with finely chopped, drained fruit cocktail), Chill before serving. | Lemon juice <br> Gingerbread or gingercake mix | batter. If desired, mix together 2 tbs. sugar |
|  |  |  | and $1 / 4$ tsp. cinnamon and sprinkle over batter. |
|  |  |  | Bake at $350^{\circ}$ F. 20 minut |
|  |  |  | Turn out of cups immediately on dessert |
| Serves 12-16 | Originated in The American Home Kitchen | Serves 6 | ruit side |
| paration time: 20-30 minutes |  | Preparation time: 15 minutes | iginated in The American Hom |
| A buying tip: $2^{1 / 2}$ ( I lb. 14 oz .) can fruit cocktail contains $3^{1 / 2}$ cups fruit |  | A buying tip: $3_{03}$ ( $\mathrm{lb} . \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{oz}}$ ) can or $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{I}}$ tall ( $161 / 2 \mathrm{oz}$ ) can contains approximately 2 cups fruit cocktail, undrained. |  |
| - fruit-in-a-wheel | Mix together 2 cups biscuit mix and $1 / 4$ cup sugar. | - rainbow glazed ham <br> - Eskimo special | Mix 3 tbs. cornstarch with $1 / 4$ cup cold water. Stirring constantly, add $1 / 2$ cup boiling water to dissolved cornstarch. Stir in 1 cup maple syrup. Add 1 -inch piece stick cinnamon. |
| YOU'LL NEED: | Turn out on lightly floured board and knead gently for about 10 seconds. Roll into a | YOU'LL NEED: <br> Cornstarch | Continue stirring and cook over low heat until mixture boils and is clear. |
| Biscuit mix | $\xrightarrow[\text { Drain fruit cocktail and reserve syrup. Spread }]{\text { rectander }}$ | Maple syrup | Remove from heat. Add $1 / 2$ cup sherry. Remove stick cinnamon. |
| Sugar | fruit over dough; roll up. | Sherry $\$ 303$ or 1 tall | Drain fruit cocktail. Add to thickened mixture. |
|  | Cut roll in I-inch slices and place cut side down in a greased $9^{\prime \prime} \times 9^{\prime \prime}$ baking pan. |  | Pour glaze over thinly sliced cooked ham, sliced canned luncheon meat, or ham steak, cut 1 inch thick |
| \#303 or \#1 tall can | Bake at $425^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. 15 minutes. | Preparation time: 15 minutes | Bake at $350^{\circ}$ F. 20 minutes for ham slices or luncheon meat, 1 hour for ham steak. |
| fruit cocktail | Make Fruit Glaze by mixing together $1 / 2 \mathrm{cup}$ | Preparaion ime: 15 minales |  |
| Cornstarch | sugar, 2 tbs. cornstarch, and I tbs. grated lemon rind. Add water to fruit-cocktail | 1 pt. sour cream <br> Lemon juice <br> Sugar <br> *303 or \#1 tall can <br> fruit cocktail | Originated in The American Home Kitchen |
| Lemon | syrup to make I cup. Add to sugar mixture, |  | Mix together sour cream, 1 tbs. lemon juice, and $1 / 2$ cup sugar. <br> Drain fruit cocktail. Fold into sour-cream mixture. Pour mixture into refrigerator tray and freeze until firm. |
|  | stirring constantly. Continue stirring and cook over low heat 5 minutes or until thick- |  |  |
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| Preparation time: 20 minutes Serves 8 | Pour Fruit Glaze over rolls and bake an additional 15 minutes. <br> Originated in The American Home Kitchen |  |  |
|  |  | Preparation time: 10 minutes <br> Recipe from Mrs. Robert W. George | Tested in The American Home Kitchen Serves 8 |



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 rather firm texture; for roll and pinwheel sandwiches, use fresh bread with a rather soft texture. So that sandwiches will be of uniform appearance with even edges, use adjacent slices of bread. Soften butter or margarine for easy, economical spreading, then spread to the very edges of the slices of bread. Melted butter or margarine makes a soggy sandwich, as does jelly, mayonnaise, or salad dressing-when using any of the latter, spread bread first with the creamed butter. High-color ingredients such as chopped pimientoes, eggs, olives, and pickles are a mighty easy way to get the plus of eye appeal. Try keeping fillings in shallow, easilycovered dishes rather than tall jars, so that it will be unnecessary to take the filling out of a long, narrow jar. A spatula is ideal for spreading fillings-has more bend than a knife. When spreading sandwiches for a crowd-and it's a cue worth using even when making sandwiches that go into the daily lunchbox-line up the slices of bread in pairs. Spread like fillings on alternate rows of bread in one operation, allowing about one-third cup filling per sandwich. Make all of one type of sandwich at the same time. Stack two or three sandwiches, and cut them all at once with a sharp bread knife. Sandwiches made up in advance should be stored in the refrigerator, but don't plan to keep them more than 24 hours. Sandwiches can be frozen in your home


## SANDWICH MAKING...

freezer and kept for several months. Allow about one hour's thawing time at room temperature. All varieties of bread will freeze well. The best fillings for frozen sandwiches are peanut butter, Cheddar, American, or cream cheese, sliced or ground meat, fish, or chicken. Egg salad and sliced eggs do not freeze well because the egg white becomes tough. We suggest not using mayonnaise, jelly, or preserves in sandwiches to be made and refrigerated or frozen unless peanut butter or cream cheese is spread clear to the edge of the bread before spreading with these fillings. Sliced tomato and lettuce should be tucked in just before serving, not before refrigerating or freezing. With a bit of imagination in combining ingredients, sandwiches can be extra-special eating. Try these combinations for the lunchbox, in-between-meal snacks, or for your next party menu (each combination makes filling for $4-6$ sandwiches): $3-\mathrm{oz}$. package cream cheese and $1 / 3$ cup canned cranberry sauce; $1 / 2$ cup chopped dates, $1 / 2$ cup peanut butter, $1 / 4$ cup mayonnaise; $3 / 4$ cup cottage cheese and $1 / 4$ cup apple butter; $3 / 4$ cup liver sausage, 2 chopped, hard-cooked eggs, 2 tbs. mayonnaise and I tbs. chopped onion; I 3 -oz. package cream cheese, $1 / 3$ cup peanut butter, I tbs. orange juice, I tsp. grated orange rind, I cup canned beans in tomato sauce, $1 / 4$ cup chopped, cooked bacon, 2 tbs. chopped pickle relish, 2 tbs. mayonnaise; $1 / 4$ cup chopped avocado, $1 / 4$ cup mayonnaise, I tbs. lemon juice, $1 / 2$ cup chopped cooked shrimp.


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Drain fruit cocktail thoroughly, reserving syrup. To syrup, add water to make $31 / 2$
cups. Heat to boiling point. Dissolve gela. cups. Heat to boiling point. Dissolve gelatin in the hot liquid; set aside 1 cup. Chill the rest till thick and syrupy, then add drained fruit cocktail and pour half the mixture into 2 quart mold. Chill till set.
Break up cheese in bowl; then blend in Break up cheese in bowl; then blend in
cream. Beat in 1 cup gelatin mixrure which was set aside. Spoon into mold; chill till set. Add rest of fruit cocktail-gelatin mixture; chill until firm. Unmold; gatnish with flavored, sweetened whipped cream, if desired. Serves 6-8.

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Thanks to a lot of good planning on the part of a manufacturer, this inviting little room almost decorated itself. An identical floral print is used on wallpaper and glazed chintz, while its predominating colors-mauve, pink, pale green, and yellow-are available in faille


The wallpaper and five fabrics in this co-ordinated group would be effective in any combination. Here the print takes over on walls, at windows, and for the bed skirt, while the solid-color failles furnish the accent. Pale green upholsters the headboard and makes the bed throw, and pillows of pink and of yellow are the grace notes. The chair in the top picture is slip-covered in the mauve, punctuated with a pink cushion

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## Spring on your Mind

(Begins on page 48)

Hyacinths, jaunty as a new spring bonnet, and stalks of iris buds are used here with pachysandra tips a modern milk-glass compote. Buy pots of hyacinths in bud stage for longer life and fascinating chartreuse bud colors. To prevent the succulent stems from curling when cut, wrap ends with cellulose tape or wire to short green sticks for additional strength. Loop leaves, wire ends together for an inch or so


Anchor cup pin holder in compote with inconspicuous green modeling ay. Start design with spike of white or blue iris (in bud) to establish highest pint. (2) Arrange heavy, open hyacinth flowers at different levels, but low, ouping colors for distinctive effect. (3) Use the fat chartreuse hyacinth Ids even lower, then insert the looped leaves in a sort of ribbon-bow fect around the base, being sure their ends are in water. Finish the arngement with a few end sprigs of pachysandra (Japanese spurge) or other ft , graceful evergreen foliage around base to give depth and stability
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 About Datura

The interesting reader response to an article, "Our Debt to Datura," in the August, 1949, American Home, seems to warrant more dis cussion of the striking plant called because of its big white flowers, "angels-trumpet" and, because of its spiny seed pods, "thorn-apple." The handsome, bushy, annual species ( $D$. meteloides) pictured in our story is apparently well known and widely grown in gardens, but a number of readers sought or offered information about other forms, including the wild D. stramonium, known as jimson (or Jamestown)-weed.
From Chicago Dr. W. D. McNally, chemist and toxicologist, wrote: "As several hundred accidental poisonings have occurred from the eating of seeds or other parts of the dommon jimson-weed, either by children taking the seeds for caraway seeds or adults mistaking the plant for greens or dried herbs. I believe you should publish a warning regarding this 'humble weed that is beautiful and easy to grow in gardens.
A warning is justified, even though D. stramonium is hardly beautiful and rarely cultivated. Also it does have defenders. Mrs. J. M. Stoker, of Ohio, has plants in her garden whose leaves she dries and storess in paper bags. For, she says, "To me it's a miracle plant as it saved my life after three doctors gave me up to die. I had what they called inflammation of the bowels and was unconscious. When they left, saying they had done all they could, an 80 -year-old neighbor asked if she could try an old family remedy. My folks assenting, she kept hot jimson-weed poultices on me all night. By morning, the swelling had gone down and next day I knew the folks again. When our doctor came, he was speechless. . . . I still use such poultices when I have quinsy to take out the inflammation.
"To make them, I soften the dried leaves in warm water, squeeze out all the water I can, and fry them in an iron skillet in enough fresh hog's lard to keep them most, put them in a flannel bag made to cover the affected place, sew up the end, and steam the poultice as hot as it can be borne.


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"I also make salve by cooking leaves in lard until all the good out of them, squeezing them we straining the lard, adding a few dro of carbolic acid, and keeping it a jar in a cool place. We use it cuts, burns, and ivy poisoning friend tells me that his father wou crush green jimson-weed leaves in hand, dip them in cold water and l them under the horses' pads to c sore shoulders in no time."

Similar evidence came from R S. E. Tull of Arkansas. When he a farm boy in Mississippi, "a jimso weed poultice bound to a boy's f or toes would kill the 'ground-itch' other infections over night. But main use for the hard, prickly b or pods was to put under an broody hen to break her of 'settin In his garden he also grows suaveolens, a tender tropical tree-t species which he propagates from c tings indoors. A plant will attain height and spread of 10 to 12 and a trunk diameter of 3 in . in 0 season. If all suckers are trimm off, a handsome tree will result. Ea in October the white flowers, 12 long and 9 in . across, begin to op staying on the tree a whole we folding up in the daytime, but night filling the air with a fragran like magnolia.

From Dr. R. Milton Carleton Chicago, we obtained facts about fastuosum, a species found around sites of ancient Inca temple operat room platforms in the Andes. In th surgical work, the priests employ strong concoctions of Datura as anesthetic. Drinking them, patie soon became numb, then went into deep coma for several days.
O. A. Marsh of Connecticut war to know how to keep the flowe when cut, alive long enough to en them. With him, "they droop af 24 hours just as on the tree." W that seems to be their way and don't know how to change it. B considering their beauty, doesn't hours seem enough to ask of them?


Peru's angel-trumpet tree (Datur arborea) as it grows in Californi

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please turn to page 86


With the patio area leveled and its pattern laid out, $2^{\prime \prime} \times 4^{\prime \prime}$ redwood headers were held in place by being nailed to firmly driven stakes. The four posts at the left are the framework of a redwood plant box beside which two broad steps enter the patio


Progress-as the concrete is poured between the redwood strips. Note the four pipe supports for the future trumpet-vine trellis, the plant box, left open at the bottom for drainage, and, in the foreground, the top of the new, higher redwood retaining wall


Here, seen from almost the same point as the Before picture on page 84 , the finished patio paving, low brick retaining wall (and seat), the raised flower bed, and the wall that holds the upper level


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A. S. L. A., and solved as shown in the plan reproduced above, which was carried out by a contractor at a total cost of $\$ \mathrm{I}, 437$ which includes $\$ 140$ for planting and a $\$ 150$ landscape-architecture fee. Not only is the result thoroughly usable, enjoyable, and lovely to look at, but also the maintenance requirements are relatively small for the size of the garden, as the flower beds are all within areas outlined by walls or redwood edging strips.

Maximum use was made of the space outside the living room by leveling it all the way out to the abrupt slope and paving it with concrete laid inside squares marked off by $2^{\prime \prime} \times 4^{\prime \prime}$ redwood headers set on edge. However, in the southeast corner, a small semicircular portion was made into lawn to soften the effect.

At the rear, a new and higher redwood retaining wall was built to support the upper part of the garden which also was leveled and made accessible by a flight of redwood steps. In front of the retaining wall on the patio level, a curving brick wall $18^{\prime \prime}$ high defines the patio area, provides a convenient seat, and supports a raised bed of flowers and shrubs.
Along the whole eastern side of the garden, a 6' screen fence of redwood grape stakes (an effective and very satisfactory, but often misused, material) hides much of the adjoining property. A $6^{\prime \prime}$ high, round-topped brick wall partially separates the patio from the service area, and the latter from another bit of lawn. The service area is further set off by a $6^{\circ}$ vertical grid frame of $2^{\prime \prime} \times 6^{\prime \prime}$ redwood. Potted plants on the horizontal members help to screen off the clothes reel beyond. Shade is supplied by a trellis attached to the house and already covered with trumpet-vines. Four pipes embedded in the concrete on a line extending the east wall of the living room support the trellis. Also a good-sized maple tree was planted in the patio and a smaller peach tree in the tiny grass plot. For the rest, the planting is mostly of flowers, for enjoyment outdoors and indoors.


Trumpet-vines on a pipe-supported trellis shade the living-room door and part of the patio. Beyond the pipes is the redwood grid that screens off the service area

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Start filling in topsoil, working it around and between roots with fingers or blunt stick (second view). Add more, firming it well with the hands, then by treading, until hole is about three-quarters full. Pour on a pail or so of water, and let it sink in before filling hole level full with soil which is left loose, not firmed. Don't use fertilizer at planting time; save it for surface feeding later on when plants are growing well


Mound up soil $6^{\prime \prime}$ to $10^{\prime \prime}$ high around each plant to prevent drying and dying of canes while roots take hold, and (after spring planting) until new growth starts. In fall, after ground freezes, cover mounds with straw or other litter to keep soil frozen and prevent injury from alternate thawing and freezing MORE ON PAGE 88


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Come spring, remove winter mulch and, as growth starts, the mounds of soil; but do it gradually. Prune out any dead wood; give first (preventive) spraying or dusting; work plant food application into soil, and water well


Keep soil loose (and weeds down) by cultivating, or with thick, loose mulch; when necessary, water deeply; dust or spray often, covering both leaf surfaces


Rose
(Begins on page 32)


For fewer-but larger and finer-exhibition-type blooms, "disbud." That is, pinch out small side buds (indicated by pencil) so the large terminal bud will make maximum growth. This may stimulate growth of buds in lower leaf axils, which, also, should be rubbed off as soon as seen. A second ration of plant food applied (in accordance with the manufacturer's directions) when the plants start coming into bloom, will be definitely beneficial


Cut blooms at right stage (before buds open fully), and properly. Get a good, long stem for effect, but leave at least two leaves on the parent shoot. Use sharp knife or shears; cut, slantwise, just above a leaf on outer side of the cane. As shoot arises from bud in that leaf axil it will grow outward and help develop an open-headed bush


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It's common practice these days to bulldoze a building site before construction work starts. In many cases it would be far better-aesthetically more satisfying and economically more profitable-to think twice about ruthlessly destroying all the trees and "worthless brush." For one thing, compacting the soil with heavy machinery makes uncongenial conditions for the roots of trees, shrubs, and lawn grasses. Again, hidden among the growth that contractors consider a nuisance to be gotten rid of as quickly as possible may be plants that you will long for when, on starting your landscaping, you have to replace them at considerable cost. Also, judicious thinning can produce or frame many lovely vistas, as in the instance illustrated in the pictures on this page.
Friends of ours who bought two wooded acres on a rocky hillside and "landscaped" them by leaving winding paths, clumps of bushes, little groves of trees, and an occasional single specimen shrub, have now, at a fraction of what it would have cost to grade and plant, a home lovely with flowers and ferny dells, birds and berried branches. There are no formal beds and borders

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to be invaded by weeds, no lawns to fuss with; but there's plenty of shade in summer when it is needed and sunlight helps to warm the house in winter. Their upstairs living room is like a "tree house," with a view into the interesting realm of leaves and birds.
You see, they did their landscaping, their "planting," mostly with an ax, which is a tool of great possibilities when judiciously handled. And they have something that couldn't have been duplicated by the cleverest landscape architect starting with an expanse of bare, bulldozed land because every plant belongs where it is. It grew, thrived, and was happy because Nature had put it there. All they bought were some good saws, axes, pruners, ladders, etc., and a book or two on how, when, and why to prune and on how to recognize, appraise, and make the most of good trees, shrubs, and other plants. They also had a Government bulletin that tells what trees to thin in a wood lot, and how to do it-gradually, so as to prevent excessive drying out of the soil from sudden exposure to unaccustomed sunlight and wind. They learned to identify the various plants and how to make the desirable ones more vigorous and attractive by wise pruning, thinning, and feeding. In
effect, they did a large-scale "weeding" job, removing the overcrowding, less desirable species so as to make room for the valuable, wanted ones.
A wild hedgerow may be a gold mine of shrubs and shrub effects. Many a plant that we destroy as a weed or because we do not recognize it, has potential value. My nursery catalogue lists, "White swamp azalea, balled and burlapped, $\$ 4$ each"-yet that is a common plant in wet soils where blueberries abound. Also "Downy shadblow, $2-3 \mathrm{ft}$., 75 cents"; that is the little wayside shadbush with gray, striped stems and early, lacy white blossoms. And "Bayberry, 18-24 in., $\$$ r.00." So we look at the bayberry clumps on our land with new respect and a calculating eye. And the same with dogwoods, etc.
So it's good business to learn what's on your property before you start clearing it. Then, with your new knowledge, protect your plant assets. Don't cut them down, root them out, make a bonfire of themand then start from scratch by buying other things that may never do as well as the original inhabitants. (Of course, if you have to start with bare land, you can enjoy another kind of fun-that of planting with a spade. -horticultural editor)

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The objective is to hold it upright and steady while it develops a lot of new tiny feeding (and drinking) rootlets to replace those unavoidably damaged or destroyed when it was dug. If the tree sways, they may not survive to transfer essential moisture and food from soil to hungry tree. Here are pointers on how-and how not-to guy a good-sized tree.


Give support in three, not one or two, directions. Use stout, firmly set posts and strong wire. Lead wire through hose where it encircles trunk. Wrapping of burlap prevents winter sun scald


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