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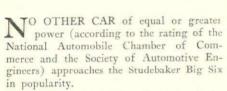
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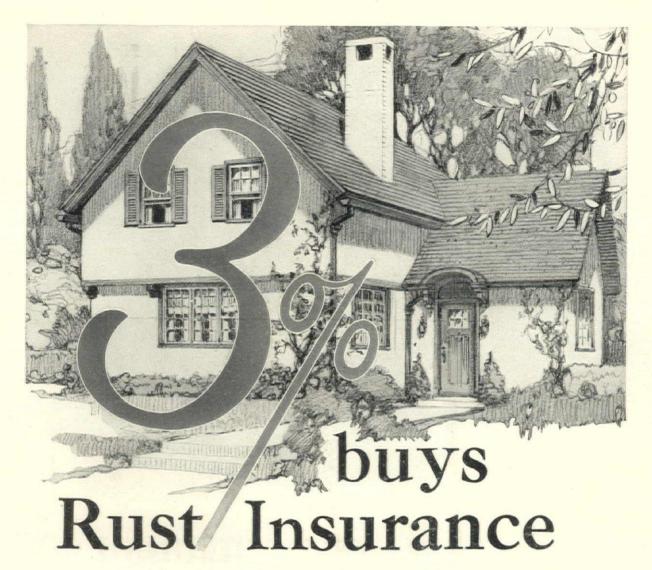
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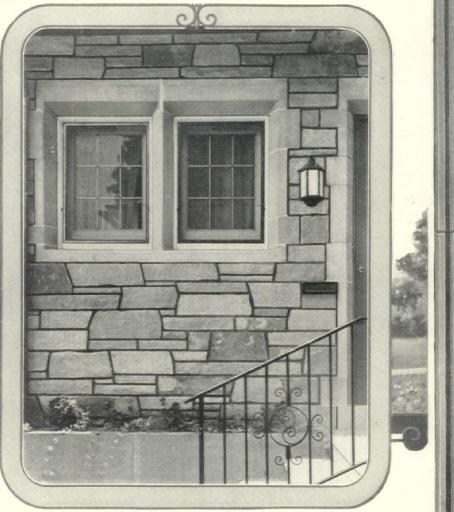
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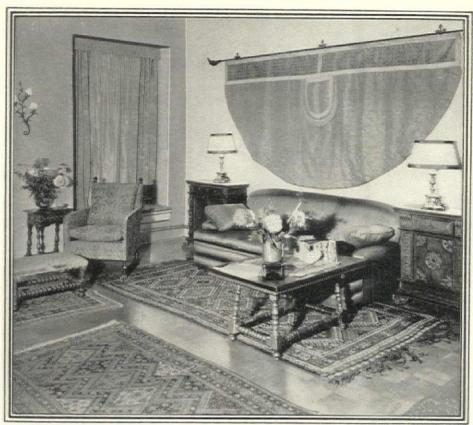
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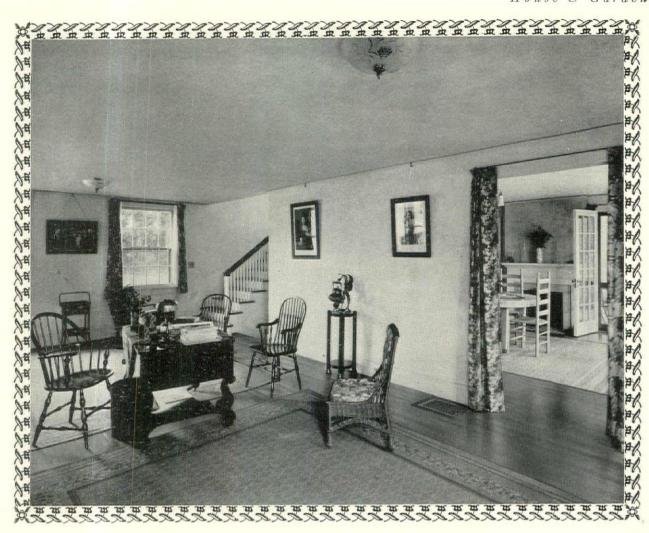
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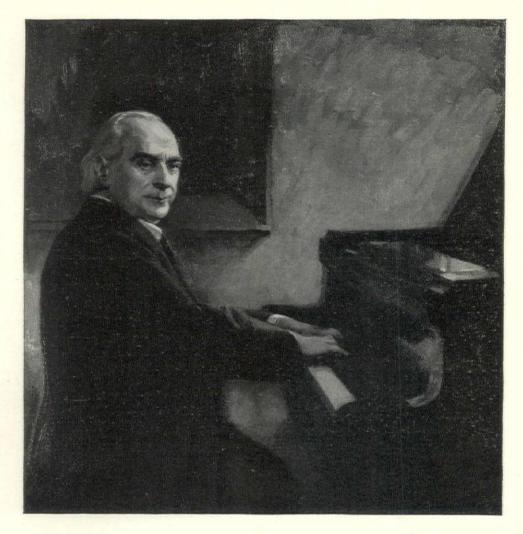
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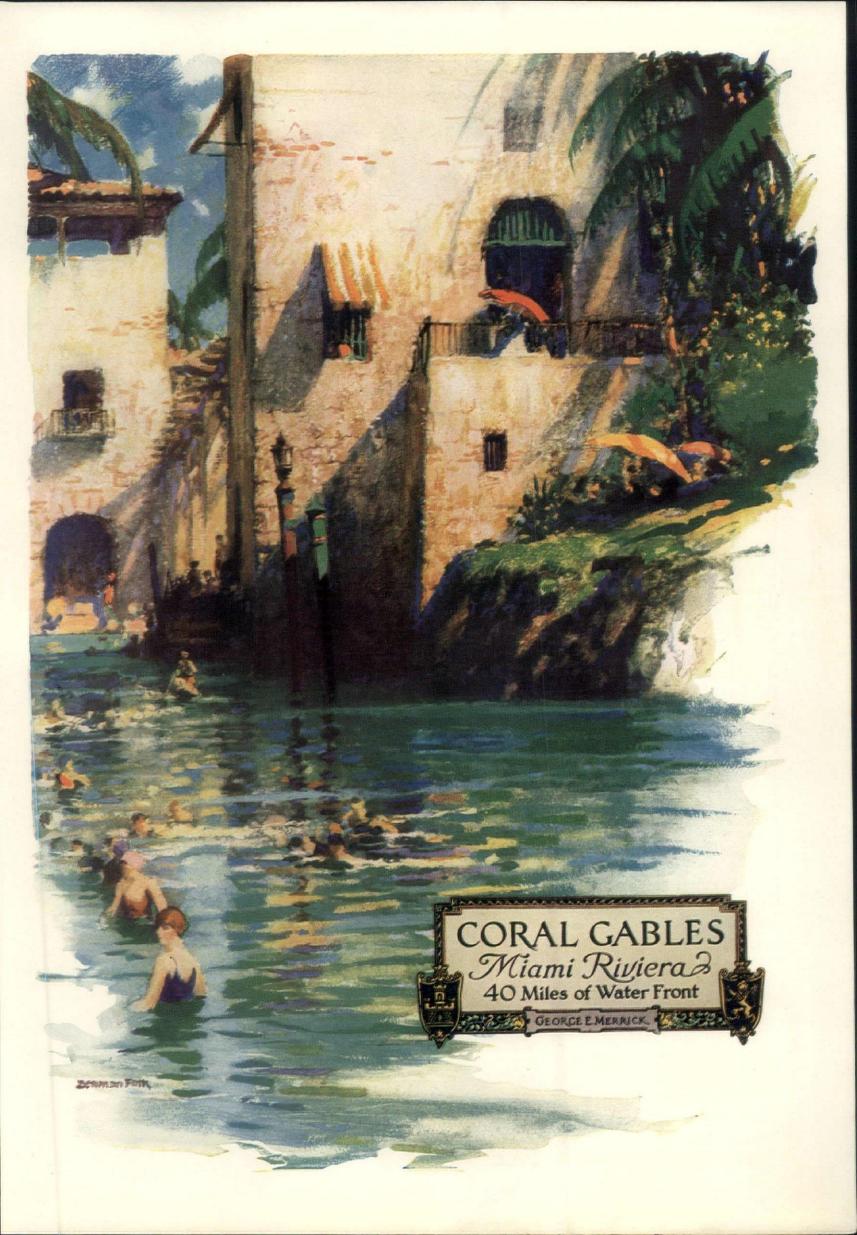
### The Facts About Coral Gables

Coral Gables is a city, adjoining the city of Miami itself. It is incorporated, with a commission form of government. It is highly restricted. It occupies about 10,000 acres of high, well-drained land. It is four years old. It has 100 miles of wide paved streets and boulevards. It has seven hotels completed or under construction. It has 45 miles of whiteway lighting and 50 miles of intersectional street lighting. It has 61/2 miles of beach frontage. Two golf courses are now completed, two more are building. A theatre, two country clubs, a military academy, public schools, and the College for Young Women of the Sisters of Saint Joseph are now in actual use. More than one thousand homes have already been erected, another thousand now under construction. Thirty million dollars have already been expended in development work. Additional plans call for at least twice that amount. Seventy-five million dollars worth of property has already been bought in Coral Gables.

Mr. John McEntee Bowman is now building the ten-million-dollar hotel, country club and bathing casino in Coral Gables to be known as the Miami-Biltmore Group. The Miami-Biltmore Hotel will be opened about January, 1926. Coral Gables will also contain the following buildings and improvements:

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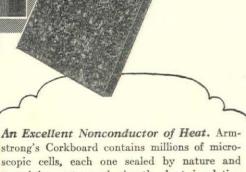
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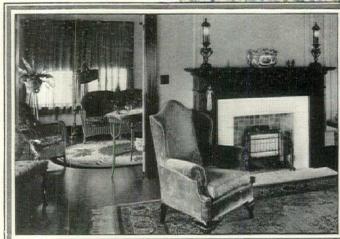
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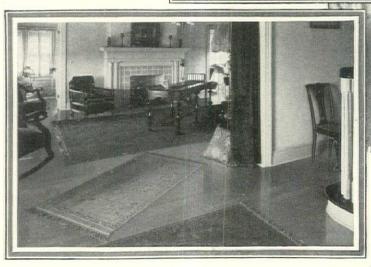
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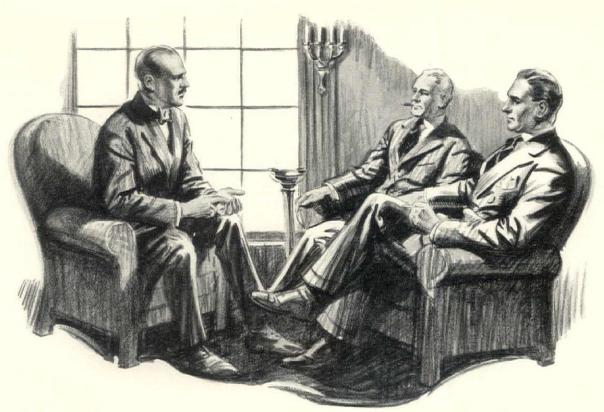
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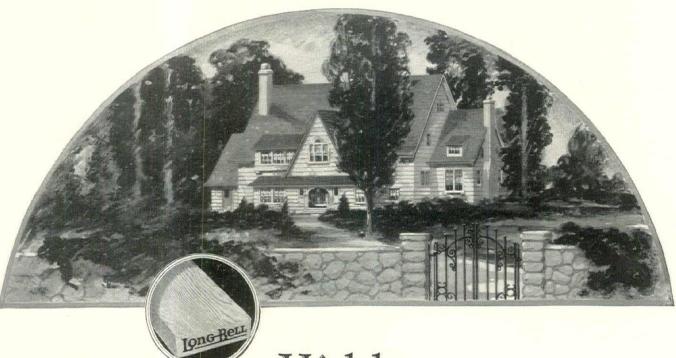
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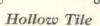
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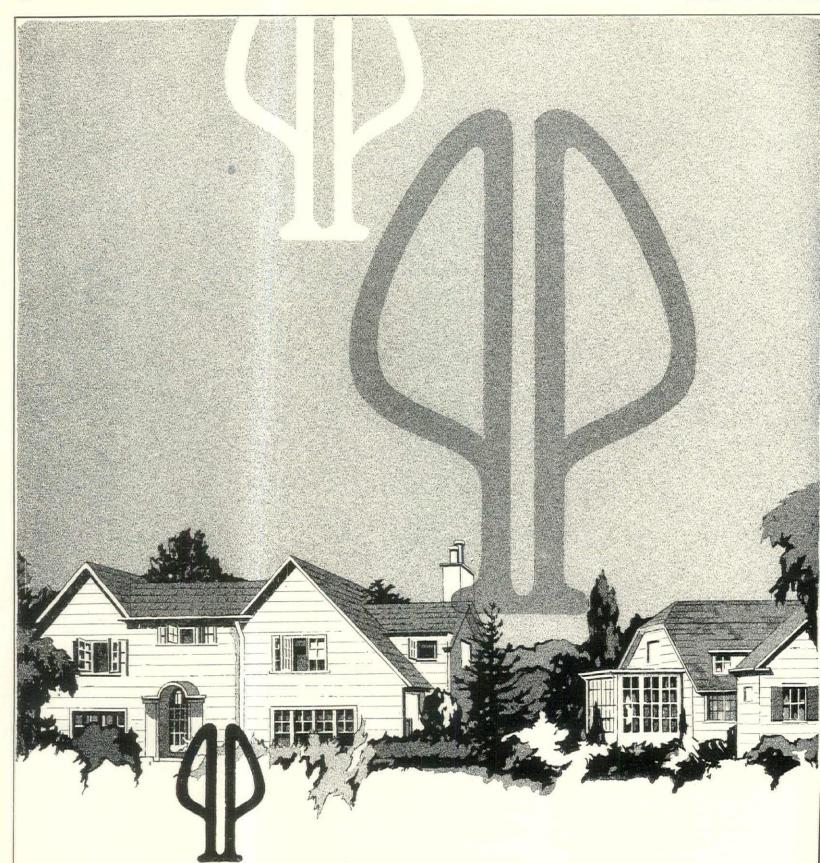
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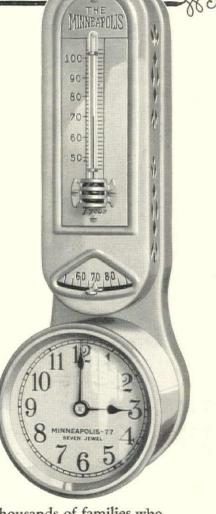
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WHILE numerous firms specializing in interior decoration and furniture have entire rooms set up and completely furnished to illustrate certain phases of decoration, Abraham & Straus went a step further and equipped a small house which was exhibited in Brooklyn during the month of October and then shipped to France where it will be set up at the Exhibition of Household Appliances and Labor Saving Devices at the Grand Palais, Paris, beginning in February. Later it is to be donated to a French family, designated by the Republic of France.

As this small house was Colonial in type, its main rooms were furnished with modern reproductions of English and American 18th Century pieces. Among these were some copies of furniture in the American Wing at the Metropolitan Museum. The wall papers also were replicas of well-known Colonial examples, the one in the main bedroom being a charming pastoral design of cows and sheep found originally in a Colonial house in Rhode Island. Altogether this house was a significant example of present day convenience combined with a charming old-world atmosphere due to the use of authentic reproductions of period styles in furniture, wall coverings and accessories. It was built by Louis Bossert & Sons and decorated by Raymond Toucher.

Of unusual interest also is an exhibition of early American antiques and accessories to be seen at a small roof shop named the Colonial Cottage. This is a bungalow on the top of a seventeen-story New York office building, looking out over skyscrapers to the green of the East River and the gray haze of the harbor. In this unique antique shop is an interesting collection of Colonial furniture and accessories—highboys, chests, small tables and bits of rare old pottery and glass—all attractively exhibited in their proper settings.



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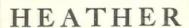
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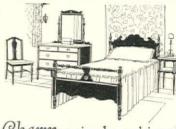
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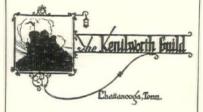


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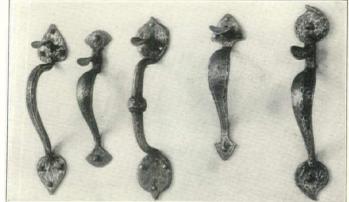
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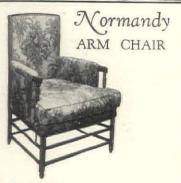


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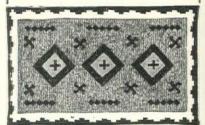


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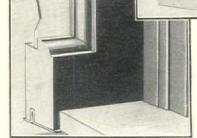
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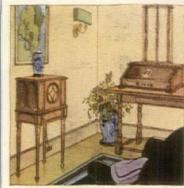
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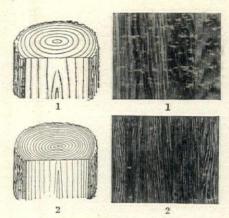
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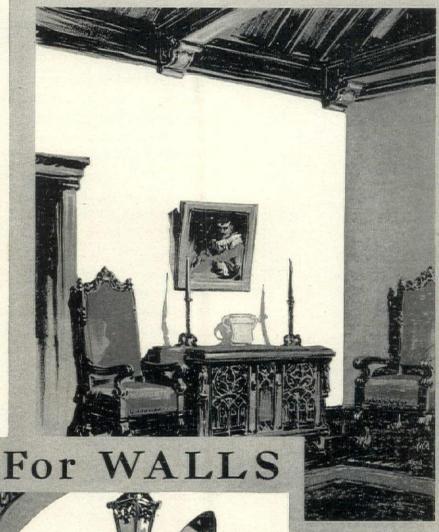
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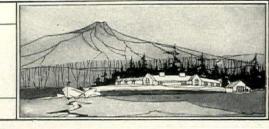
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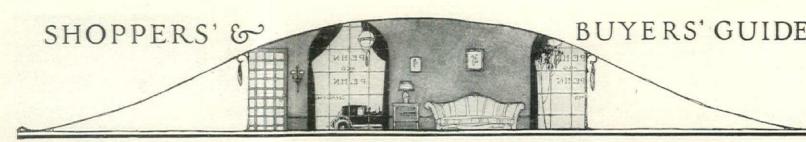
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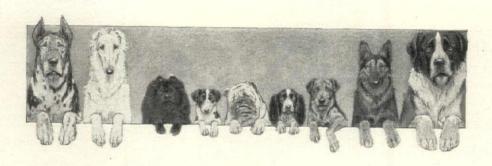
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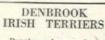
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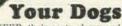


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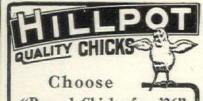
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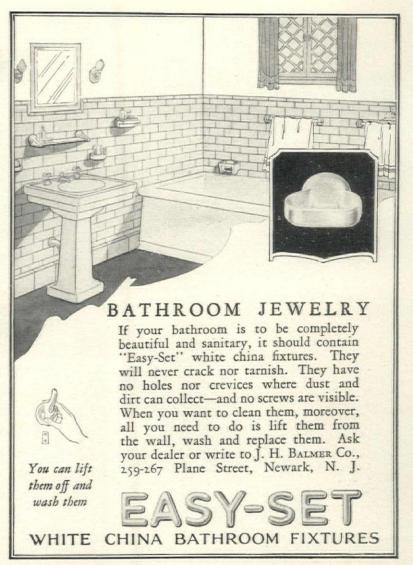
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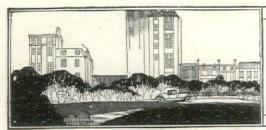
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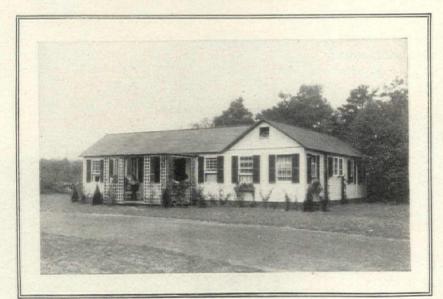
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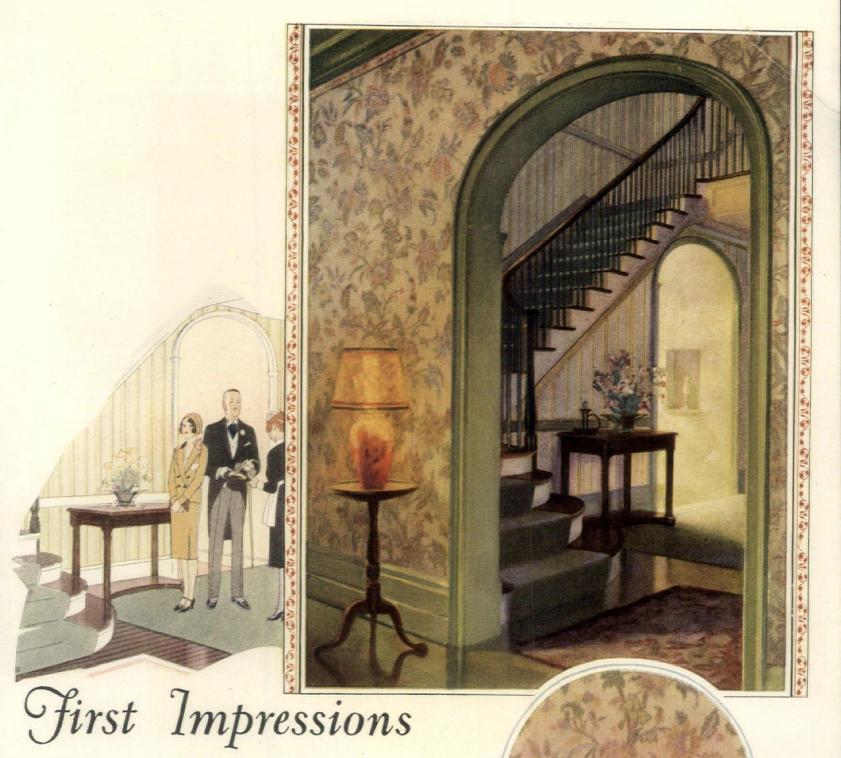
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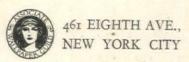
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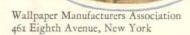
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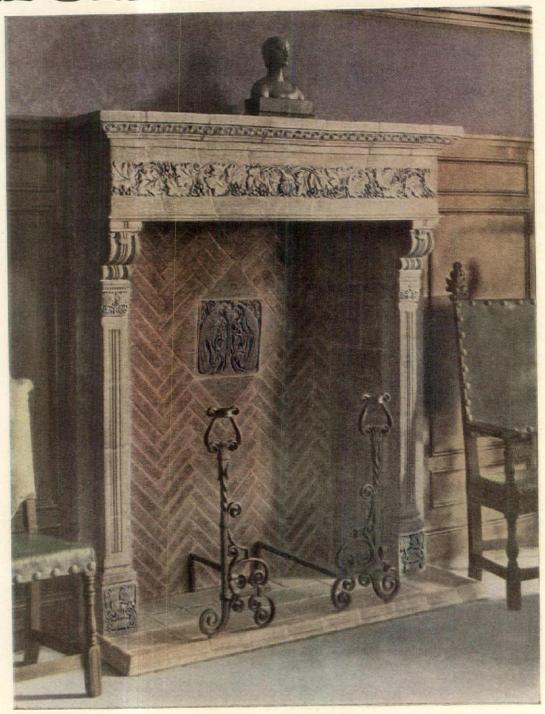


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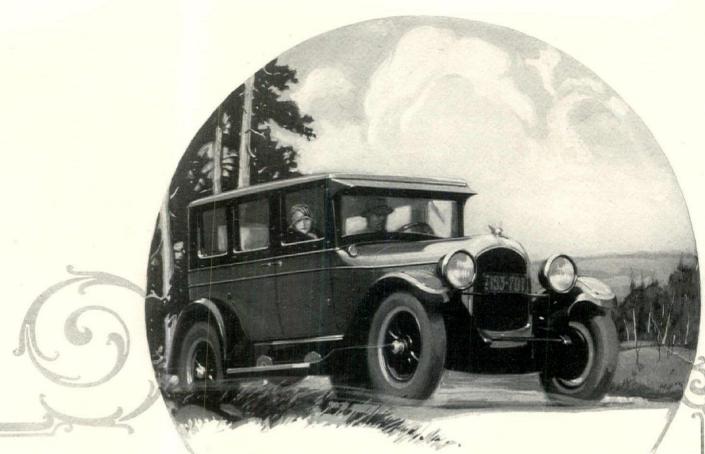
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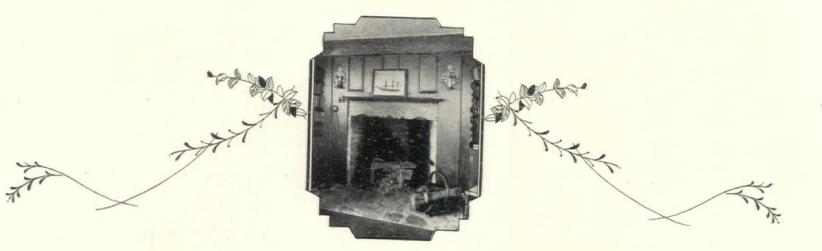
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Do YOU remember the old days when, with so many subscriptions to a magazine, you received a pound of tea, or a cuckoo clock or a high-wheeled "bike"? Those were curious days-days of mutton-leg sleeves and sailor hats and trailing skirts. Today the cuckoo clock and the "bike" have gone, together with the strange styles of female apparel. You'd as soon expect a "bike" with a magazine as you'd expose yourself to public view in mutton-leg sleeves and a sailor hat. The viewpoint has changed on both these matters. Both the "bike" and the mutton-leg sleeves were superfluities, extra baggage, unnecessary cargo.

Today when you find someone, or some organization or some project burdening itself with superfluities, you suspect it or you question its success. Because the objection to superfluities is that they distract and clutter up one's direct progress to a well-visioned goal. They often distract to such an extent that the real object in hand is forgotten. The mutton-leg sleeves overshadowed the figure, the premium became more important than the magazine; the "bike" was prized above that with which it came.

In the gradual course of attaining wisdom, most publishers have cast overboard the superfluous cargo of premiums. The money and effort that used to be expended on "baits" are now directed toward the magazine. You no longer receive a

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"bike"; you receive a better periodical.

Instead of these gratuitous inducements, many magazines now offer what is called a Reader's Service. Perhaps no word has been so maligned as has "Service", or so much the object of scorn by the younger intelligentsia. And yet it is the soul and aim and reason for being of many magazines. The old general style of magazine, that was a pleasant and amusing hodge-podge of this and that, is slowly learning to spell out the writing on the wall. To be successful, a magazine today must have a definite aim that serves the needs and interests of a definite class. This service is rendered not only by the pages of the periodical itself but by the various means of extra information and help that the reader can command.

The staff of such magazines no longer consists of pleasant young literary people under the leadership of some flashing genius, but is an organization of experts each with his or her special line, working in coordination under an editor who knows his readers, knows what they want and has the good sense to give them better than they want.

Because it is staffed with just such experts and because it has such an editorial policy, more and more people make a monthly habit of going up to a news-stand, laying down thirty-five cents and saying, "House & Garden".

They don't expect a "bike".

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The Woman of genuine social distinction only a very few perfumes are acceptable... Among them is Rigaud's Un Air Embaumé, a truly continental fragrance of most intriguing personality... Parfum Un Air Embaumé and the various other aids to loveliness, bearing this same delicate scent, are all created in Paris... Doubtless you know them.



THE INTEREST in furniture is the sort of thing that time and place have little effect upon. From King Tut's tomb to the smartest house of today the line of descent may be very long, but it is unbroken. Cultured people have always been interested in furniture and in surrounding themselves with good examples of it. For this reason we devote most of the pages of the February issue to the subject of furniture.

It will start with an article on the Sources of French Provincial Furniture. This is by Henri Longnon, an eminent French artist critic and authority on furniture. M. Longnon will contribute a number of articles on this subject to House & Garden in 1926. Frank Alva Parsons will discuss Modernist Furniture. Two pages will show the furniture desirable for Dressing Rooms, two others, Furniture for Small or Narrow Halls, and still two more of Furniture for A Man's Room. Added to this are pages of advice on what to look for in furniture construction before you buy a piece; suggestions for Furniture Hardware; and an explanation of the complete wiring of a house.



GARDENING and the architecture of the house will also find a place in this issue—Crocuses, Mrs. Wilder on the Windflowers of the World, Mr. Wilson on Cedars, Mr. Carrere on the Garden of a Florentine Villa, Mr. Rockwell on Plans for the Vegetable Garden and Mr. Lemmon on the Easy Garden. There will be three pages of Pools from Florida Gardens. Two houses will be shown—A large Georgian country residence and a smaller English design by Frank J. Forster. The editorial will be a discussion on what makes a piece of furniture "Early American"—how old it has to be to give it the reputation for "early" and how much of it "American."



IF YOU compare photographs of English and American rooms furnished in good taste, you find that the English use much more furniture than we, and that our rooms are relatively sparse. "Stuffy" and "cluttered" might be adjectives applied to the English rooms and "meagre" and "thin" applied to the American. Just why there should be this difference is difficult to say. England was closer to the stuffy Victorian Age of furniture than we and, perhaps, recovered from it more slowly. Fashions change gradually in England. Americans, on the other hand, are more abrupt in the changing of their allegiance. We, too, suffered the Victorian stuffiness in our homes, but when we changed, we changed with a vengeance. Now, if some of our sparseness could be relieved by some of England's stuffiness and some of England's extra pieces could be shipped over here-but that is asking too much!

## The Untilled Field

This is a field that never has been tilled; All it has ever grown: flowers, grass, and trees, And weeds that are not weeds, but, mixed with these.

Imperial things with light and color filled; There's a crab-apple standing in the centre; There's briars and brambles clutch you as you

A red squirrel chatters, flashing 'round a limb,
As if to warn you it's a private place
Reserved for birds and beasts the like of him . . .
A bough whips back and stings across your
face . . .

If you must come here, this is all I ask:
That you won't bring a furrowing plowman
here

To turn this tangled joy into a task,
Expecting harvests each recurrent year . . .
Let it stay quiet still through hidden hours,
Made sweet by countless Springs of unplucked
flowers!

HARRY KEMP



IN THE November issue we commented on some strange ways of papering a wall—how the dining room in the home of a London critic was covered with front pages from newspapers the world over. We thought this a rare find. Since then we've found that the custom is quite old. Through the Kentucky Mountains and the Ohio Valley, in the emigrant days, it used to be quite common for people to cover their walls with newspapers. Noel Coward uses the idea for a set in his play "The Vortex." A traveler in Mississippi just before the Civil War found a room papered with old lottery tickets on which the owner had spent a fortune-and to no avail. One loving reader reports that in Tsitsicar in Central Manchuria (a Chinese town famous for its annual beheading of brigands) he found the paper screens that formed his room in Jo San Bee's dizzy inn—the only one in town-were covered with copies of the eminently respectable London Times!



HERE'S a bit of verse by Hamlin Garland that we enjoyed reading just before we took a cross-country walk through a snow storm—

Do you fear the force of the wind,

The slash of the rain?
Go face them and fight them,
Be savage again.
Go hungry and cold like the wolf,
Go wade like the crane:
The palms of your hands will thicken,
The skin of your cheek will tan.
You'll grow rugged and weary and swarthy,
But you'll walk like a man.

LD DOC LEMMON SAYS—"Ev'ry now an' ag'in, pokin' 'round the farm these winter days, I come acrost things whut make me do a lot o' thinkin'. Mebbe it's the faint leetle crooked ridges where the field-mice has been tunnelin' along under the snow, er the kind o' reddish haze in the tops o' the swamp maples when the light's just right, er the flutin' of a jaybird in the spruces up on the mounting, er the fresh, livin' feelin' o' the birch twig I bust off to chaw when I'm trailin' a rabbit through the brush lot. Ye can't never notice things like them without feelin' kind o' cheered up, b'cause, when ye git right down to the bottom of 'em, they all mean that winter ain't a-goin' to last ferever. They're the surest kind o' proof that old Nature, though she's sort o' layin' low fer a while, is still on the job.

"Yessir, Nature don't never quit, even when it's so bitter cold that away off yonder in the woods ye hear the trees poppin' as the frost ketches their insides. If she ever did—wal, then we would have somethin' to think about!"

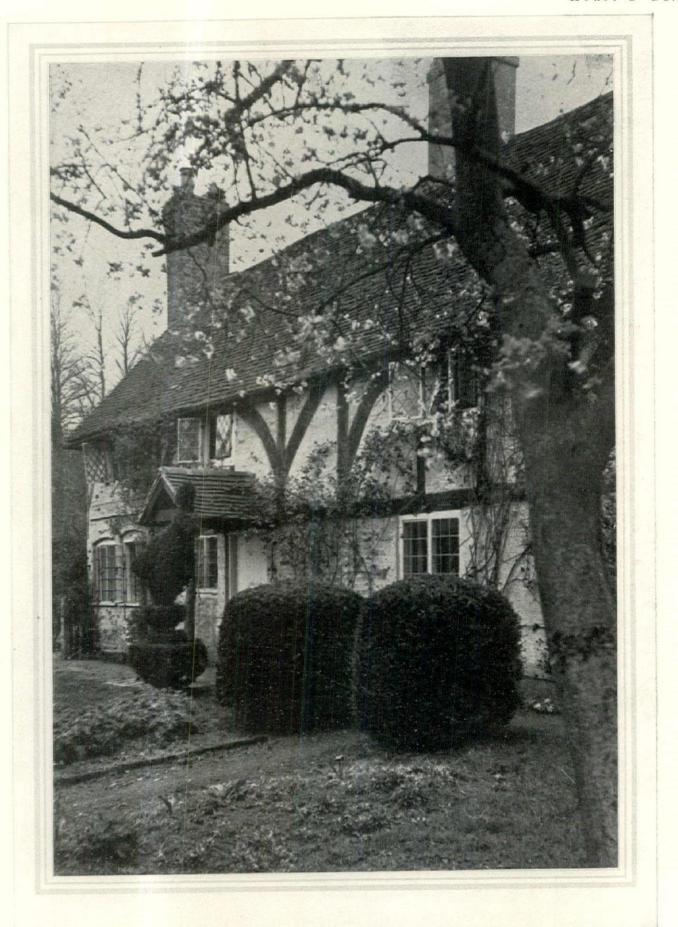


IT IS rather pleasant to find garden authorities from other countries discovering America. Recently we had the pleasure of entertaining Mr. J. N. C. Forestier, who wrote that delightful book "Gardens," published last year in a translation by Helen Morgenthau Fox, and who is the head of the Park System of Paris, the Bagatelle Rose Garden being one of his creations. He was on his way to Havana to design a park system for that city.

By the time this reaches you we hope to have sitting beside our desk, Henri Correvon, the world-famous authority on Alpine plants from Geneva. This will be Mr. Correvon's first trip to America. He is coming at the invitation of the Lowthorpe School of Landscape Architecture for Women, at Groton, Massachusetts.



THE LIST of desirable books for those interested in houses and gardens is growing to such proportions that we will have to start reviewing them! We can recommend three or four, however, to all who are lovers of the home and its accessories. "Old English Houses," by J. A. Gotch, is as lively and entertaining a volume as we've encountered in many a day. Its pleasant style and authority make the history of the English home a vivid story. The other two are newcomers to J. B. Lippincott's admirable library of practical works—"The Practical Book of Tapestries," by George Leland Hunter, who is our best authority on that subject; and the "Practical Book of Chinaware," by H. D. Eberlein and R. W. Ramsell. Other additions to our shelf are "Clock Making," by G. F. C. Gordon, "The Principles of Decoration," by R. G. Hatton.



# CHERRY BLOSSOM TIME IN SURREY

This old cottage at West Horseley in Surrey stands in a garden planted with fruit trees, and in spring is rained upon by pink and white blossoms. The dark oak of the timber

framing stands out pleasantly against the whitewashed brick walls. The old-world atmosphere of the place is strengthened by the curiously clipped yews which guard the path



# WHERE SMALL HOUSES COME FROM

In Looking Up the Ancestors of Our Present Day Cottages We Find

A Wonderful Heritage of Workmanship and Beauty

## RICHARD H. PRATT

E VERY small house, before it is even a blueprint, should know about its birthright. For it must be true that the cathedral at Chartres and almost any cottage in Calvados are sisters under the skin. Each is a matter of walls and roofs and windows devised with a certain regard for comeliness and convenience; and while one, to be sure, is thrilling and sophisticated, and the other simple and quiet, each is, in its own way, architecture. And both having been born of the same art, the cottage may not only look at the cathedral but may share its place in the sun.

If we have been too ready to grant that

only the great piles deserve the glory, that fine architecture is mostly for monuments and mansions, then it were no wonder so many small houses should appear without this privilege. Actually, the building of a small house is more of a responsibility than settling on its size and cost and style and assuring oneself that it will stand and function properly when it is up. We owe it to the small house tradition that our own small house carry it along. Just how this is to be done is difficult to say. But it is certain that if we were to become familiar with what had once been done extremely well, we would, at least, know what stand-

ard of beauty and what pride of workmanship were necessary.

Some inkling may be had of this tradition from the small houses which illustrate this article. Each one of them, when it was built, was more or less a pioneer in the style which it has since come to represent. For instance, when we think of a formal French cottage, or see a new house done in that fashion, it is just such a cottage in Normandy as that shown below which comes to mind as its original inspiration. Almost every Spanish and Italian house built in this country must owe much to the type of small Mediterranean villa for



This cottage in Normandy is an example of the rather formal French farmhouse, or manoir, which has set the style for an increasingly popular type of small house. Photograph from the Mellor, Meigs & Howe collection



While the French chateau shown above has grown gradually to its now considerable size, it is essentially small house architecture and is typical of the picturesque informal style of Western France

which that one shown on the present page stands as an example. In the same way the French farmhouse and village houses on the opposite page stand for a building custom so excellent as to have become crystallized into a familiar architectural style.

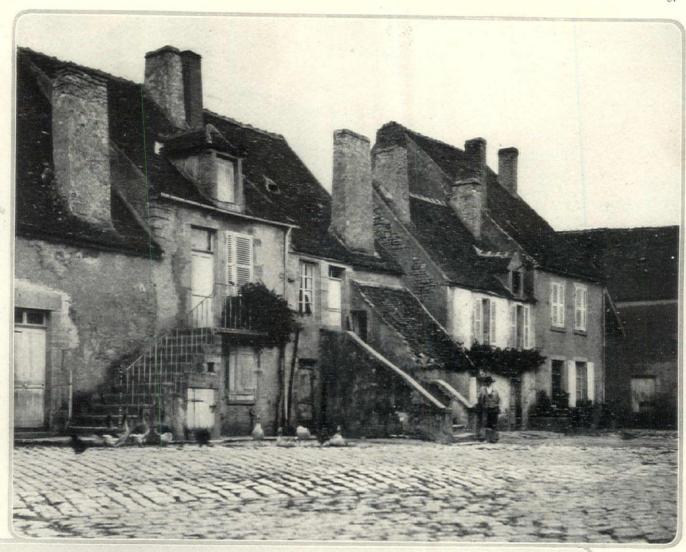
These three types of small houses, together with those snuggling stone cottages of the Cotswold district in England and the small halftimber buildings of Germany, England and France, are what might be called unconscious architecture. That is, they were originally merely the expressions of the building habits, craftsmanship and materials of their particular localities. Their construction was controlled by these practical



Almost every characteristic of our present day small houses in the Spanish and Italian fashion can be traced back to such an authentic example as this of the true Mediterranean manner in design

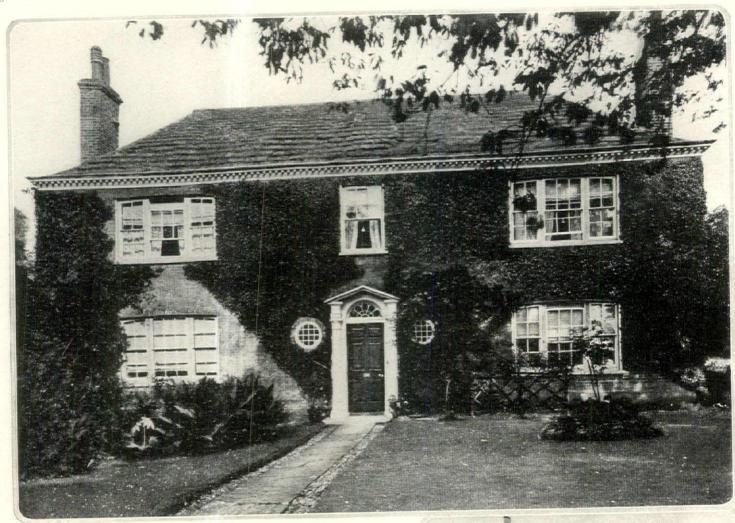
matters almost altogether, and scarcely any by that thing we speak of now as a style. Naturally, the Gothic idea had its effect in Northern France and England, just as the small houses of Southern Europe held somewhat to the Classic strain; but the influence of these great styles was mainly confined to matters essentially structural. The extraordinary charm and beauty that were achieved may not have been entirely accidental, but, more than anything else, they were qualities born of good, honest, straightforward building. Of course, in those old days, there must have been a gradually inborn tradition of beauty, too; something that came down from father to son

It is characteristic that even the most unpretentious early French houses should have a fine feeling for style. Note the effectiveness of sharply pitched roofs, tapering chimneys and simple, direct design





The brick farmhouses of North France achieve great architectural style by being so completely sensible and straightforward in construction. The photographs on these two pages are from the Mellor, Meigs & Howe collection



The development of the Georgian style in England not only brought forth some of the loveliest houses ever designed but produced an architectural style which is almost perfection for the small formal house, combining the classic idea with domestic suitability. The three examples on this page are all of the period. The one above is at Henfield, Sussex



While most of the Georgian houses are of brick, some of them are stuccoed and some are of wood. This one is at Horsham, in Surrey, and typical of the simpler, more naive, and less noticeably "architectural" small English houses which were carried out in this style

This house at Richmond Hill, in Surrey, is a characteristic example of the Georgian style in town. It shows the finely balanced formality of the period and is affection for manners and motifs of the Renaissance. The three photographs by courtesy of Architectural Press (London)



The English small house derived from Tudor times is a combination of formality and picturesqueness. It is a very sturdy style whose most characteristic features are the pronounced roof lines, its towering, full fashioned chimneys, and its stone framed casements

and guided to some extent at least the placing of windows and doors and the naïve ornamentation.

However, the architecture of small houses did not become an emphatically conscious thing until the Georgian period in England. It was then and there that beauty became so actively sought and so eagerly applied that a wholly different idea in small house design was produced. The fragrance of that lovely flower, the Italian Renaissance, was captured and blown into the little buildings of the time with such taste and discrimination, and with such fine feeling for their personal and intimate flavor, that nothing



Steep roof lines, steep dormers, small window openings and simple outlines are found in almost all German houses of the 17th and 18th Centuries. This delightful example is the garden house on Goethe's estate, descendants of which may be found in eastern Pennsylvania

was lost of their essential domesticity. From that particular small house tradition came most of our Colonial houses. And from our own Colonial tradition that grew out of the Georgian style came much of what is fine in the small house of today.

So there was a good deal of difference between the small houses described before and those of the Georgian period. The first, in a way, happened; were born of the very immediate conditions of climate, materials and customs; in a word were colloquialisms. The small houses of those places that are now such rich (Continued on page 130)

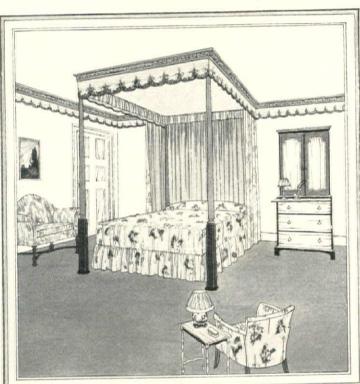


When there is a prominent pattern in the swall paper and furniture coverings the bed draperies should be of plain material—white or a color to harmonize with the scheme of the room. The four posters above have testers covered in soft white muslin and bedspreads of crochet lace

The imposing appearance of the four poster bed below is due to its curved and painted tester top and its very graceful draperies of pale green taffeta trimmed with narrow bindings of rose silk. When the bed is placed in this manner it is advisable to curtain all four posts



Drix Duryea



An unusually interesting treatment for a canopied bed is shown in the sketch above. Here the shallow valance and border on the walls are of chintz in a graceful swag design. The spread and side hangings are of harmonizing flowered chintz lined with plain sateen. Agnes Foster Wright

FABRICS FOR FOUR POSTERS



This slender four poster in a Long Island country house has a tester, valance and curtains of pink glazed chintz edged with white ball fringe. The spread is embroidered linen, hand-quilted. Thedlow, decorators





Yellow English print bound with blue ribbon makes the tester and valance on the bed above. The spread is old crochet work. It is in the home of Mrs. Charles E. F. McCann, Oyster Bay, L.I. Thedlow, decorators

In the room at the right the main color note is provided by the old flow-cred chintz of the curtains and bed hangings. The bedspread is of plain taffeta. In the home of Mrs. Edward S. Moore, at Roslyn, L. I.



M. E. Hewitt

The valances, curtains and spread on the carved maple bed shown in the picture above are of egg plant toile de Jouy lined with blue taffeta. The window hangings are also of this material. Grace Fakes, decorator

# THE RISE OF COMFORT

How Comfort and Privacy Have Paralleled The Slow Evolution of The Home

ONE of the most brilliant eras the world has ever known was the Elizabethan Age, brilliant for its accomplishments, for the impulsive energy and vivid desire of its men, for the enormous whims, infatuations and vanities of its women; brilliant for the vast areas its endeavors touched and for the lasting heritage of thought, action and inspiration it bequeathed succeeding generations. And yet this age had very little conception of privacy and comfort. Even less did the generations that preceded it.

It may seem strange that the times which gave us Shakespeare, Raleigh, Sidney, Drake, Johnson, Marlowe and their fellows should know so little about the things we consider essential to our

being. The mistake may be ours.

Vast quantities of Americans—intelligent, educated and reasonably well-bred people—have a habit of judging a country's civilization by its plumbing fixtures. They go to Continental countries, they go on world-encircling tours, they spend winters in those delightful islands of the Caribbean Sea. They have, presumably, an enjoyable time; but if they make any criticism of these countries, it invariably is based on sanitation.

Our age in America is an era of mechanical progress. We have made privacy and physical comfort an ideal, but have we sacri-

ficed other and greater ideals of civilization?

It would be interesting some time to set down comparative tables of the accomplishments of each age and tabulate beside them their concept of privacy and comfort. It would be a comparison between accomplishments and the development of the home.

CONSIDER the present-day, well-appointed house. It has an entrance hall, living or drawing room, kitchen and pantry and service departments, bedrooms and bathrooms with endless sanitary adjuncts and aids to comfort. Go back a hundred years and you find the house has no bathroom. Go back two hundred years and apparently no change has been made. Go back three hundred, to the time of Elizabeth and James I, and the house has only some primary divisions of hall, living room, kitchen and bedroom, although the hall is large and well lighted. Go back a generation beyond Elizabeth and the hall is larger but is less cheerful because the windows are smaller. Go back still farther, say to the 12th Century, and hardly any windows are visible in the outside walls, there are no bedrooms and living rooms and the house consists of nothing but a kitchen and a large barn-like hall. Thus is the house reduced to the ultimate essentials.

THE hall was the most important factor in the home life of the time and in its change can be read the beginnings of the slow rise of comfort and privacy. The kitchen was attached at one end and at the other, in the course of time, certain rooms for the private use of the lord and his family. In his study of "Old English Homes," J. A. Cotch says, "It is to the development of this idea—the enlargement of the kitchen wings at one end, and of the family rooms at the other—that we owe the great mansions of Elizabeth's time. . . . The hall changed its character. Instead of being in common use by the family and servants, it became a vestibule . . . the family gradually retired to their own rooms at one end and the servants to theirs at the other. . . . It is to the changing concept of comfort that we owe the develop-

ment of our homes." The evolution of the hall was gradual.

The interior of the hall was dark, because the windows that lighted it had to be narrow for purposes of defense. The windows were often not glazed, the only protection against drafts and cold winds being inside shutters. It was smoky in winter, for the fire burned in an open hearth in the middle of the room and the smoke went out through a hole in the roof or the windows. In this hall the family, its retainers and its servants lived the entirety of their day-to-day and night-to-night life. There was little or no privacy. A separate bedroom for each person was wholly unknown. The beds were large and many persons shared the same bed without regard to sex. The proprieties were more honored in the breach than in the observance.

From this crude beginning arose a desire for comfort. First the hall was broken at one end by a screen, then there was added at one end a private room called the "solar," which was the beginning of the family wing. Then a parlor for private conversation and gradually the wings and departments of the house were evolved.

In Elizabeth's time there began to grow a desire for a separate dining room, although many houses still existed where the lord of the manor sat down with his servants and retainers. In this age the necessity for protection became less acute and, in consequence, windows grew larger and there were more of them. The faint vestiges of sanitation began to be seen in the same era. From that time, through the Carolean house, the Queen Anne and finally the Georgian, comfort and privacy made their deliberate way. Architecture changed, improved, reflected this influence and that, but privacy and sanitation progressed much slower. In the beginning of Victoria's reign privacy became almost a fetish, but sanitation, as we know it, was still crude. It remained for our own era to bring comfort up to perfection.

COMFORT involves quite a number of things—safe and easy heating, lighting and ventilation, sanitary adjuncts, labor-saving devices for the management of the house, and the case of chairs, beds and couches. In the main, these comforts are accomplished by machines. The spirit of the age is to demand more of the machine and less of the human body. This is the price of comfort. One wonders, though, if the price is not too heavy. Has comfort made us soft? Is the rise of comfort accompanied by an equivalent fall in other lines of human endeavor? Can we produce, for all our fine machinery of the home, men of such caliber as the Elizabethan Age produced? Or have sanitation and such matters anything to do with the power of vision, with vivid desire, with brilliant accomplishment?

We doubt it. Character is made, great things are accomplished, and noble dreams attained when we have to battle against an environment. Each age has had its own kind of environment to contend with. Comfort, like sin and a lot of other matters, is a comparative term. The day may come when a future editor of House & Garden will write another editorial on the "Rise of Comfort" and point with disdain at our gauche conception of it. The Elizabethans managed to live through their kind of comfort and, doubtless, we will enjoy lives full of accomplishment and valiant desires despite the abundance of our luxury.

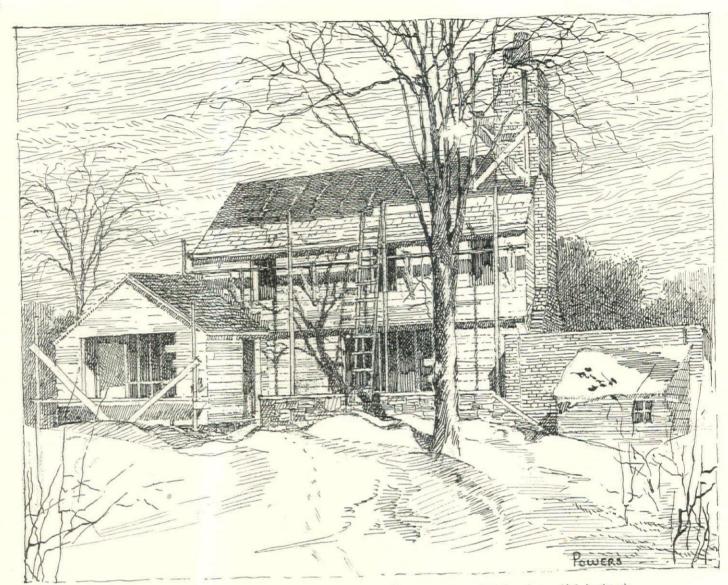




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### SHINGLE WALLS

There is a rough and homely texture about the shingle wall that makes it the medium par excellence for certain types of country houses. It has been successfully used here, in the home of Edward S. Harkness, at Manhasset, L. I., of which Cross & Cross were the architects



The skeleton of the frame house can be put together in three ways—full framing, which is the old style of Colonial houses, balloon framing, which is the quickest method, and combination framing, the desirable modern method whereby the skeleton is gradually built and braced. The illustration above shows a house when it has passed the skeleton stage and is boarded in

## HOW FRAME HOUSES ARE BUILT

A Study in the Anatomy of Architecture for Those Who Would

Watch Their New House Grow

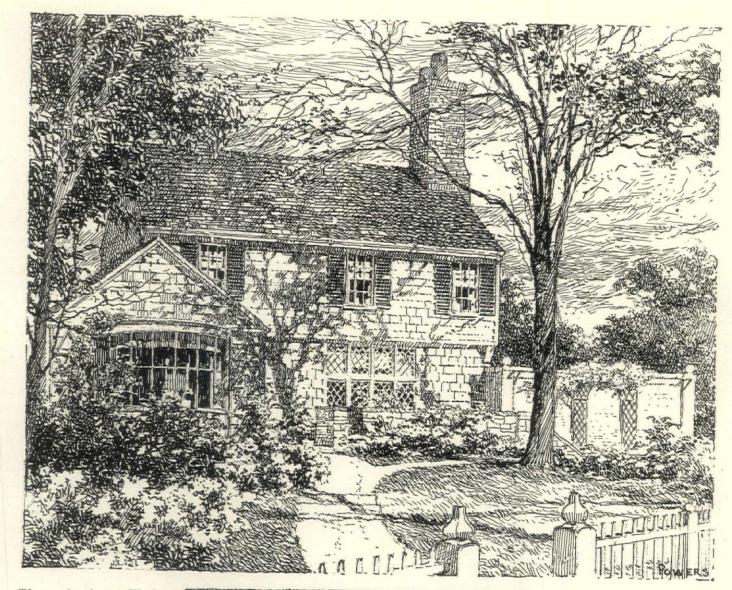
HOWEVER unlike one another frame houses may appear, the various parts and principles of their construction in each case are essentially the same. A Pennsylvania farmhouse, a cottage in Connecticut, and a California bungalow have little enough in common so far as outward aspects are concerned, yet each has its sills, a ridge pole, and all the various timbers that lie or stand in between; and each piece functions in much the same way in every house. So, to be familiar with the way one frame house is built is to know them all.

The anatomy of architecture may seem a thing to leave to builders and architects, to whom such knowledge is an everyday necessity. But if you have



ever had a house built for you, and have been sufficiently interested in the performance to want to dip your own fingers in the plans, or if you have ever wanted to alter a house, or even so much as put up a partition in an apartment, you will have wanted to know what was the scheme of this skeleton that held walls, floors and roof in place; you will have wanted to know where to look for bearing members that couldn't be disturbed, where there was safe space for a door or window, to what extent any

The first floor line—sill set back from face of foundation so that boarding can come flush. Clapboards or shingles cover the joint between sill and foundation



The complete house. The low structure at the right is a one-car garage of brick painted white with a latticed panel as a decoration. R. M. Powers, architect

changes were possible or wise. And if you have no problems in your own domestic architecture, but find it pleasant merely to look at homes that seem good to you, then the chances are your fondness for splendid work will be deepened and your appreciation of it widened by an acquaintance with what underlies its beauty.

Though there is but one method in general practice to-day in soundly built frame houses, there are really three ways to frame a house. The first was called full framing, and was the only method in use up until the middle of the last century. It is now called the old-fashioned method of framing, and, like early American furniture, was so much a matter of proud and sturdy workmanship that it has been abandoned. In it the sill, plate,



The main entrance is in the sunroom wing. A paved terrace before it suggests the English dooryard garden. It is of rough blue-stone slabs set in loam

posts, girt, braces and studding for an entire side (of at least a single story) of the house were fitted together on the ground, mortised and pinned into an everlasting framework, then raised into position on the foundations. Every piece had to be a perfect fit and every joining had to be as strong as the solid shaft of always generously sized timber. Such methods today might be called anachronisms, even though a good majority of the houses built according to them still stand and will probably outlive others yet unbuilt.

At any rate, full framing, though superseded, has had a fine effect upon modern frame construction. For there has been a method in vogue, known as balloon framing, which lies at the other extreme. It con-

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# CHIMNEYS TO DELIGHT THE EYE

Apart from Their Practical Purposes Chimneys Should Add to The

Decoration and Composition of the House

#### COSTEN FITZ-GIBBON

A CHIMNEY is a feature just as significant in the appearance of a house as the nose is in the aspect of the human face. It is likewise an essentially utilitarian item of construction and cannot be eliminated or placed at will independently of

the other factors that go to make up the structure. While there is a reasonable amount of latitude allowable in placing chimneys, there are also limitations that must primarily be observed.

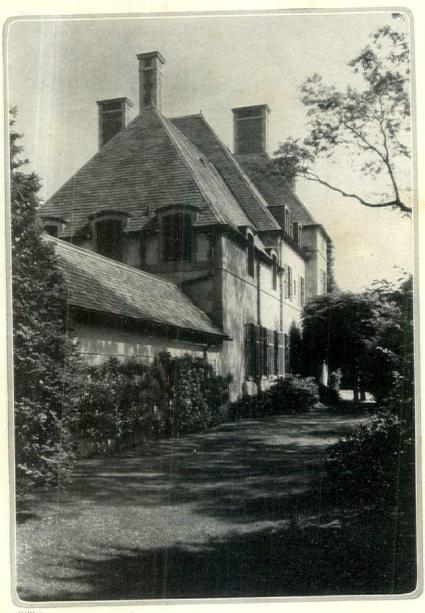
The physical functions expected of the chimney determine two things—first, its position with reference to the plan of the house and, second, the height and girth of its stack. So long as the purely physical requirements are complied with, there is absolute freedom to deal with the chimney-stack on the score of composition and the pleasure it gives the eye.

Regarded from a composition point of view, the functions of the chimney-stack are (1) to give interest to the mass of the house; (2) to give character and the charm of sharp definition to the silhouette of the house; (3) to give balance to the design, and finally, (4) to impart accent and contrast.

If you would like to have a striking demonstration of the value of the chimney in the particulars just mentioned, try the experiment of cutting out in black paper the silhouette of a house and placing it against a white ground. Then cut off the chimney-stacks, or fold them over out of sight.

You will be amazed to see what a difference the amputation makes,—how deformed and lifeless the house looks without the chimneys, even when they are of the simplest and least conspicuous description. Without the chimneys the silhouette becomes more or less stodgy and top-heavy, like the hull of a ship sheared of its masts and funnels. The silhouette

without chimneys might be the silhouette of a barn. The chimney-stacks are the outward symbols of warming fires and human habitation. View the mass of a house wholly in silhouette, and you realize how important chimneys are as accent points.



The decorative aspect of these chimneys has been obtained with stone framed brick panels and simple moulded top. This type is characteristic of the Chateau style of house. The owner of the house, which is at Newport, is Moses Taylor, and the architect, John Russell Pope

When we regard the composition of a house in broad daylight, chimneys may impart accent and contrast in two ways—either by their contour or else by being constructed of some material different from that of the house walls. For example, if a chimney-stack stands out in projection from the walls at a gable end, it might be

of stone while the walls are of brick. Or, again, there may be a chimney-stack or a group of chimney-stacks of brick rising from a roof of tile or slates while the walls are of wood, half-timber or stone. The combinations possible are abundantly va-

ried. A little thought expended on chimney forms would have made a vast improvement in the total result of many homes. Let us suggest some ideas for them.

First, there is the outstanding chimney that projects beyond the surface of the walls. Here structural contour gives character and interest without the employment of other means. Second, there is the chimnev-stack rising sheer from the walls without any jutting projection to define its presence before it extends above the line of the roof. Here the contour above the roof line may be made a vehicle of emphasis or the surface and cap may receive some characteristic treatment. Third, there is the chimney-stack that rises at some point from the surface of the roof. In this case material, contour, surface decoration and capping may all be employed either singly or in combination to produce the effect desired.

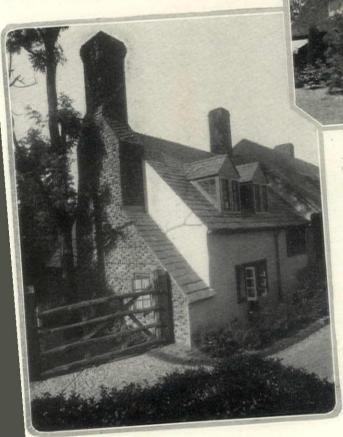
The capping of the chimney is one of the most significant factors for securing desirable accent and individuality. A few simple mouldings will produce a result out of all proportion to the comparatively negligible cost entailed. It more elaborate effects are aimed at than can be obtained.

tained by moulded cappings and a modes necking, there are such devices as paneling spiral twists, carvings, chequerings and the like, but it is remarkable how much can be done merely by the structural contour with out resorting to any specifically decorative efforts. In every instance the chimney de sign should fit the architecture of the house



In the design of Georgian and Colo-nial houses chimney-stacks played an important rôle. Here they are a pro-nounced extension of the wall in the home of John F. Wilkins, Rock-ville, Ind. John Russell Pope, architect

(Below) The upper panels of this large chimney-stack show what can be done with brick to give a decorative effect. It is the home of S. L. Vandeveer, at Great Neck, Long Island. The architect was L. P. Ward



A brick paneled top with pots rises above the boulder and plas-tered base of this half-timbered house at Great Neck, L. I. Frank J. Forster was the architect

(Left) A decorative effect is obtained by the very contour of this chimney on the home of William Beard, at Jericho, Long Island. Howard Major, architect





The living room shown on this and the following page is in the New York apartment of Chandler W. Ireland. It is an extremely colorful room due to green and white toile paper panels, an interesting assortment of upholstery fabrics, and some charming accessories

On one side wall is an attractive group consisting of a fine old walnut commode surmounted by a Directoire lacquer mirror with a painted glass panel at the top, a small book table, also in walnut, and a graceful Louis XVI armchair in black and gold brocade



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The wall space surrounding the panels is painted pale green—a nice contrast to the hangings of red and cream striped faille and the draw curtains of gold gauze. Decorations by Chandler W. Ireland



Slender Normandy book cabinets with pierced and arched tops fit nicely into the narrow spaces on either side of the doors. The curved sides of these inspired the design of the radiator boxes shown at the left

G. W. Harting

### WHAT PORTABLE GAS WILL DO

Those Who Live Beyond the Reach of Regular Gas and Electric Service May

Solve Their Cooking Problems with Bottled Fuel

#### ETHEL R. PEYSER

WE have studied in these pages homemade electricity, home-made ice and other domestic phenomena, and now we arrive at the home gas plant, which is an appliance employing a product sometimes called "bottled" or compressed gas, because it is brought to your home in cylindrical tanks and piped from these tanks, instead of being piped from the city or district gas plant or from natural gas sources.

For the most part, this portable gas is made from natural gas or products of natural gas, treated to laboratory processes and tests and compressed in a pure state. Some varieties are meant only for cooking and heating, but there are others that can be used for illumination as well.

The complete equipment consists of a cabinet, made of steel and mounted on a concrete base, into which the cylinders of gas—usually two in number—are fitted on delivery. The gas is in liquid form, and vaporizes as it flows from the tanks into the piping. The average cylinder holds fifty pounds of liquefied gas, although some firms supply a cylinder of larger capacity. The tanks are connected to a pressure reducing system, and when the contents of one of them are consumed, connection with the new one is made by the turn of a valve.

The cabinet is unobtrusive and weatherproof, and can be set up without difficulty in some convenient spot behind the house. If initially installed in the proper way by the company itself or by a licensed gas fitter or plumber recommended by the company, the equipment requires no further care until the gas in the cylinders is consumed and it becomes necessary to renew the This is taken care of by the comsupply. pany, which maintains a Service Department for the purpose. It is the better part of valor to notify your purveyor of gas as soon as the contents of one cylinder have been used, so that you will always have a reserve fund on hand.

#### AS TO COSTS

The home gas plant is, all things considered, really an inexpensive method of solving a troublesome problem and relieving a trying situation. The initial cost, covering the complete equipment—the cabinet, piping, cylinders, gas, and in some cases the cooking range with which it is to be used—generally runs from about \$200 to \$500, depending, of course, on the type and quality of the equipment chosen. Installation charges are included in this.

The cost of the gas itself, in use, equals that of electricity at three cents and four cents per kilowatt hour. It costs less than city gas at \$3.00 per thousand feet, and is a little more expensive than coal. In return for this expenditure you have a fuel which insures evenly heated living quarters, a cool kitchen, swift cookery, a happy absence of soot and ashes, and, in some installations, a satisfactory source of illumination. In addition to all this, you have the comforting assurance of the fact that the system has been approved by the Underwriters' Laboratories of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, which is adequate proof that it is as safe as it is possible for any light-and-heat-producing device to be. If you live in a vicinity where there is no gas main, no electricity cheap enough for cooking or no electricity at all, and no oil route, these are points worthy of your careful consideration.

#### REMEMBER THESE

Before arranging for the installation of your home gas plant, before even selecting the company from which you are going to purchase, consult your best local hardware dealer or plumbing concern, for they will know the gas firm that will give the most reliable service in your section of the country. Proper installation is of the highest importance, but the most efficient equipment is useless unless certain continued service in renewing your supply of gas is assured you. Buy your gas from a well known, long established, financially responsible firm, and one that has been authoritatively recommended.

Be sure that your gas equipment is one of those that has been approved by the Underwriters' Laboratories. Also, that each of your tanks holds at least 2000 cubic feet of gas, and requires no guidance except from the supply man. As for the gas itself, it should not deposit soot on cooking vessels; it must be of a quality that does not freeze at ordinary low temperature—even at forty degrees below zero; and it must always be uniform throughout the cylinder, regardless of the point from which it is being drawn.

Bottled gas can be used with any good gas range, if certain slight changes are made in the orifice leading to the burner. Adjustments of this kind are arranged at the time the gas plant is installed, and need not be worried about again. Of course it is always better to purchase gas appliance

and range at the same time, as this insures perfect co-ordination.

Certain gas heaters with proper orifices (burners) work very well with some of the portable gases. This is another matter best decided on by the dealer.

Any good ironing machine will work exceedingly well when heated by portable gas, if it has a good and sufficient air mixer, for most of these ironers are built for a low B. T. U. gas, and portable gas is a high B. T. U. gas and needs more air to help its combustion.

With proper adjustments, water heaters have been found to take very kindly to portable gas.

Hot plates and laundry stoves can be comfortably used with portable gas, as they are usually equipped with air mixers.

Quite different from the "bottled" gas equipment we have been considering is the gas machine, producing a fuel which is made on the premises by reducing gasoline to a gas under pressure. This machine makes gas for illuminating and cooking. It consists of (1) An air pump operated by water and air, placed in the cellar, supplying air to the generator and sending the resultant gas through service pipes; (2) A gas generator buried in the ground; (3) The mixer buried in the ground near the generator and equalizing the gasoline vapor (from generation) with air, in order to afford a smokeless, uniform gas for burning. It is not costly to run, and it is worth your while to investigate it before you buy your gas plant.

#### GAS MACHINE ADVANTAGES

This machine and others of its kind eliminate delightfully:

Cost of wood for kindling fires, and of labor in attending to them.

Cost and labor of removing ashes, not only in bulk from stoves and premises, but also in the form of dust from the house. Cost and labor of cleaning range, flues

and chimney.

Cost of extra space required by coal out-

Cost of extra space required by coal outfit and storage of fuel and ashes. Cost of wear on cooking utensils, which

always last longer when gas is used.

Increase of fire hazard and insurance

Increase of fire hazard and insurance rates because of danger from overheated flues and defective chimneys.

Greater cost of maintenance. Time wasted in regulating fire.

Waste of food in cooking due to inability to regulate temperature properly.

# A LITTLE PORTFOLIO of GOOD INTERIORS



Although more amply furnished than the majority of American living rooms, so balanced is the arrangement of large and small pieces in this English drawing room and so happy the selection of accessories that the resultant effect is one of dignity combined with great livableness. It is in the home of W. B. E. Ranken, Warbrook, Eversley, Hampshire





M. E. Hewitt

Pale green walls and antique yellow silk curtains make a charming background for the attractive assortment of 18th Century French and English furniture and accessories gathered in this living room in a small house on a roof top. Miriam Smyth was the decorator who planned it

The apparent size of this attic guest room is increased by a picturesque landscape paper in shades of green. Rose tones predominate in the checked chair covering and hooked rugs. In the home of Mrs. Charles E. F. McCann, Oyster Bay, L. I. Thedlow, Inc. were the decorators



The two rooms shown on this page are in the Palm Beach residence of Adam G. Thomson. The long living room has pale yellow walls, and a cypress ceiling washed over in green-blue tempera. The furniture is a mixture of Italian and Spanish pieces that gotogether excellently

In this very colorful dining room the walls are yellow-green, the curtains brilliant printed linen with a turquoise blue ground, and the chairs entirely covered in old red velvet. The floor is terra cotta tiles, inset with colored Spanish tiles. Ruby Ross Wood, decorator



F. E. Geisler

#### OTHER NUT TREES PECANS AND

As Ornamental Subjects and Producers of Delectable Table Delicacies

This Tree Class Deserves a High Place

E. H. WILSON, V. M. H.

UT-BEARING trees were among the first trees planted by man, and nuts of various sorts have been eaten by the human family from the earliest times. The Pecan-tree was probably the only tree planted by the North American Indians. In the tropics the Cocoanut, and in the temperate regions the Walnut and Hazelnut trees have long been grown for their nuts and the industry is of great commercial importance. Today in America nut growing is steadily increasing and must in time become an industry of first magnitude. On the whole, however, the growing of nuts has lagged so far behind that of succulent fruits that in importance the two industries bear no comparison. Possibly they never will, but it is safe to assert that nuts are destined to have a more important part in our diet in the future than at present.

In the case of succulent fruits man has from the long distant past striven to im-

prove their size and flavor, and his efforts have been abundantly rewarded. With nut fruits the story is different, though undoubtedly primitive man ate the acorn, walnut, hazel-nut, pecan and pinenut long before he did succulent fruits. The acorn has fallen into disfavor, though that of Quercus ballota is still eaten by the

peasants in Spain as in the days of Don Quixote. North American Indians also eat the acorns of certain Oaks. The nuts of the Beech tree are sweet and good flavored and are eaten sparingly; the seeds of the Swiss Pine (Pinus cembra) are eaten in Europe, and in Siberia they are a very important article of food. The same is true of the Korean Nut Pine (P. koraiensis) the kernels of which mixed with honey make a delicious sweetmeat. In Mexico and in western North America the seeds of several species of Pine are eaten, including those of the Sugar Pine (P. Lambertiana).

The European Hazel-nut has been im-

The largest of the Asiatic Chestnuts is C. Henryana, sometimes 100 feet in height. Apparently it is resistant to the disease which has all but exterminated our native species in the eastern States. Its nut is small but very sweet

proved and such forms as the Cob and Filbert established; probably the common Walnut (Juglans regia) has been subjected to like treatment, but for all practical purposes selection and cross-breeding among nut fruits has only recently begun. In this country the growing and breeding of nut trees are beginning to receive some at-tention and the future will see a tremendous advance in this work.

The most valuable nut in the world is the Cocoanut, the product of a tropical maritime Palm (Cocos nucifera). Many other nuts are grown within the tropics, but few find their way into our markets. The Brazil-nut (Bertholetia excelsa) is familiar to all, and in recent years the Pili-nut (Canarium commune) has been not uncommon in city stores.

This article deals only with those grown in temperate lands, the number of which is The most important are quite limited.

the Walnuts, of which, if we include the Butternuts, there are about a dozen species. The most valuable is the common Walnut (Juglans regia), the classical "Jovis glans" and the "Nux" of Greek poets. It grows wild in the Balkan peninsula and eastward through Asia Minor, and is grown in quantity in all but (Continued on page 118)



Among the American bush Hazels C. americana holds a prominent place. It is a prominent place. It is a broad shrub from five to twelve feet tall, found from New England south-ward, and a worthy subject



The fruit of all the Chestnuts is edible and in some countries is an important article of food. No real preventive has yet been found for the blight which has killed American trees



Pecans are of considerable commercial value in the South, where their annual nut crop is an important item. The tree is not hardy in the North, unfortunately, for it is a giant in height

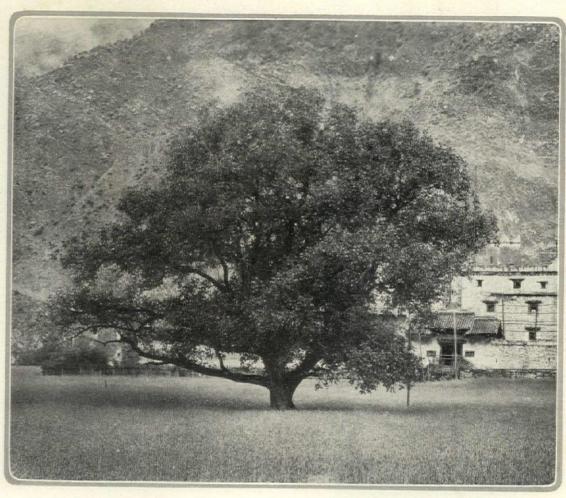
(Below) The common Walnut is the most cultivated and best appreciated nut tree in the temperate regions. At its best it is a broad, massive tree with rounded crown, strikingly handsome

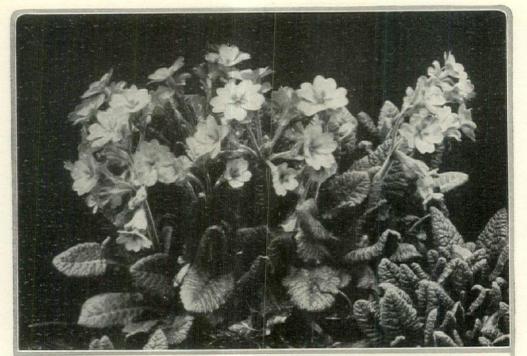




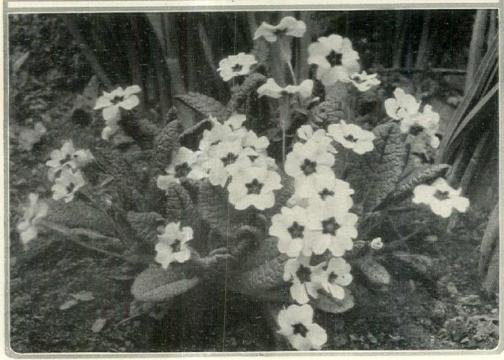
The Shagbark Hickory is C. ovata, a tree native to the northern States. It is readily propagated by sowing, thus avoiding the difficulties of transplanting which are caused by the long tap-roots

(Left) Those who are accustomed to the bush-like Hazels native to America are surprised by the size attained by related oriental species. This fine specimen of C. chinensis is in Central China





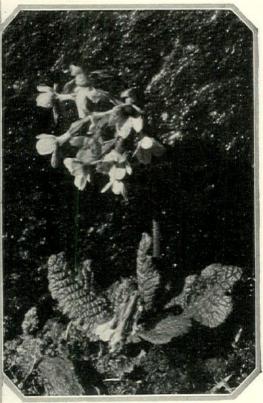




# THE PRIMROSE AND HER COUSINS

LOUISE BEEBE WILDER

IT IS rather extraordinary when so many plants from overseas have found a congenial home in America, many of them running wild in the fields and disporting themselves along roadsides and watercourses, that the Primrose and her sister Cowslips and Oxlips, plants wide-spread and abundant in all the counties of the British Islands and over most of Europe, should not only have gained no foothold in our wild, but have only the most meager representation in our gardens. It is the more to be wondered at since these flowers have ever been cherished in the gardens of the Old World by high and low alike, and there can be no doubt that many roots and



Mealy

The Oxlip. Primula elatior, is kin to the Cowslip and in the improved forms carries very large, pale yellow flowers borne in a loose, one-side bunch

(Top) Oxlip Hose-in-Hose comes in charming color combinations. Pale buff and rose is a favorite early bloomer (Center) The double Primrose is the spoiled child of the family for it demands more attention than the others

(Left) A clump of the true English Primrose blossoming in a sheltered hollow in the author's garden at Bronxville, N. Y., toward the end of March seeds of them were brought here by the Colonists in a wistful attempt to implant in the unknown country something of the remembered sweetness and friendliness of the home springtide.

What befell these early plantations of pale Primroses and nodding Cowslips who can say! Books on early American gardening are silent concerning them. Their names, indeed, endure, but fitted to American-born plants that in no wise resemble, or are related to, those whose names they have borrowed: The Marsh Marigold is, in many localities, called Cowslip; Mertensia virginica, blue and pink beauty of low grounds along the Atlantic coast, is the Virginian Cowslip; Oenothera is the Evening Primrose, and often just Primrose, and there are other examples that might be cited.

Just why in all the years between those early times and now this delightful race of plants should have been so neglected in this country is difficult to understand. Perhaps the first failures to establish them under the more rigorous climatic con(Continued on page 102)

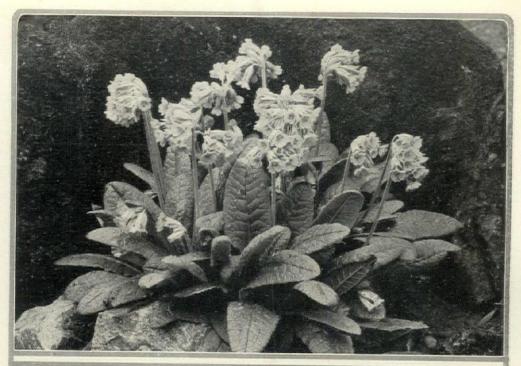


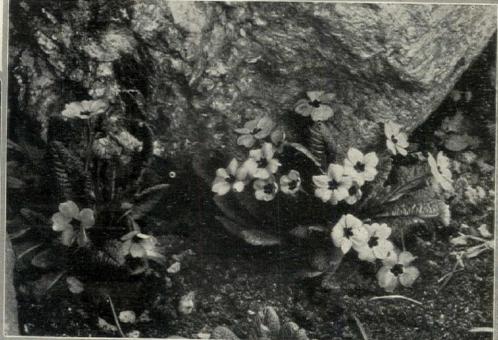
This quaint little floral conceit is the Cowslip Hose-in-Hose, which is much prized in old-fashioned gardens. It deserves more notice in America

(Top) Cowslip, Primula veris or P. officinalis, an easy grower, is delightful both for gardens and cutting

(Center) Blue-flowered Primula bloom in November and often as late as December in the region of New York

(Right) Here are young plants of Polyanthus or Bunch Primrose, not yet showing the full quality and size characteristic of the mature plants







## THE MAKING of A NEW ROSE

How the Seed Is Planted and Germinated, the Seedlings Cared For,

and the Stock Increased by Budding

GEORGE C. THOMAS, Jr.

IN THE first article on this subject (December House & GARDEN) were given instructions in artificial hybridization for the propagation of new varieties of Roses, and certain hints as to the seed parents to be used, together with other matters

pertaining to the work.

That article reached the point where the Rose hips containing the seeds were ripening on the plants. If the work was done with outdoor plants, it is only necessary to allow the hips to ripen in the natural way, being careful to watch that no outside influence disturbs them. If the cross-breeding was done indoors on plants in tubs or pots, these should be taken from the greenhouse in the early spring, after danger from frost is over, but before the heat becomes too intense in the greenhouse. In speaking of such plants, one does so with reference to work in the East in a greenhouse which has been heated during the winter. The tubs or pots containing the plants should be submerged in the ground and the seeds allowed to ripen outdoors during the summer. It is wise to cover the plants with closely woven wire, so that squirrels and other interferences may not harm them.

#### PRIOR TO GERMINATION

The ripening of the seeds has been the cause of a number of experiments lately. There is a very good article in the 1925 American Rose Annual regarding such ripening, where it is claimed that the Rose seed should be subject to a temperature period approximating 40° for the quickest and most certain ripening and resulting high

percentage of germination.

In Pennsylvania all that was found necessary was to allow the plants in their pots to remain outdoors, including the month of October. During this latter time they would undergo a number of frosts and not be subject to any high temperatures. Such seed was gathered in November. In California the work was done outdoors during the summer, and the hips were allowed to remain on the bushes until after the January and early February frosts.

The Pennsylvania seeds, which were hybridized indoors and allowed to ripen in the pots outside, gave a higher percentage of germination than the California seed which was hybridized outside and allowed to ripen outside. This bears out the theory above noted regarding the 40° ripening period, for the frosts in the location used

This is the second of two practical articles by one of America's leading amateur Rose breeders. The first, in the December issue, dealt with the production of seed from which new varieties could be developed

in Southern California were very light ones, and the day temperature that the seeds experienced was quite high, even in Lanuary.

In this connection it was found that the best germination in California was obtained from seeds of Tea Roses, and the thought occurs that perhaps such seeds, owing to their parentage, do not require as much cold for their ripening as seeds of Roses whose forebears grew in a colder climate.

For practical purposes the method used in Pennsylvania will be found to give very good results, although a greater percentage of germination is, of course, most desirable. It would seem wise for experimenters to work with the new process mentioned in order to find at what ripening temperature germination is highest.

In the California work germination has not been as satisfactory as could be desired, and in climates with little frost it is specially recommended that the hips be left on the plants until they are thoroughly colored, as it is found that ripe seeds give a higher percentage of young plants. The methods afterwards followed have been found practical for seeds produced by either outside or inside systems, East or West.

#### ACTUAL SEED SOWING

Until recently seeds were planted in flats, a lot of them together, and by this system they were all subject to any danger which might threaten. For example, if a cut-worm found its way into the flat after growth had commenced, it would kill many seedlings in one night. Furthermore, under the old method the soil used for the seedlings was not sterilized; and as all these seeds are most valuable, the following method is suggested:

Each seed should be planted in its own very small thumb pot. This pot should be washed in a weak solution of formaldehyde; the soil mixture to be placed in the pot should be sterilized by being burned. The method employed is to place such soil in a large iron pot, and to burn a fire under

it. This eliminates all seeds or insects which may be in the soil, and kills all animal life therein. The mixture to be used should be one-third leaf mold, one-third finely sifted top soil, and one-third sharp sand. After planting the seeds the pots should be submerged in a mulch of sifted dampened ashes.

It has been found that mildew growth commences later on an ash mulch than on any other, although a sand mulch which has been roasted is also good. The pots are placed in this mulch so that the same may be watered and kept at an even moisture.

In our Eastern work the greenhouse was maintained at a low temperature, 60 degrees by day and not less than 45 degrees at night. This is another reason why our Pennsylvania germination was good.

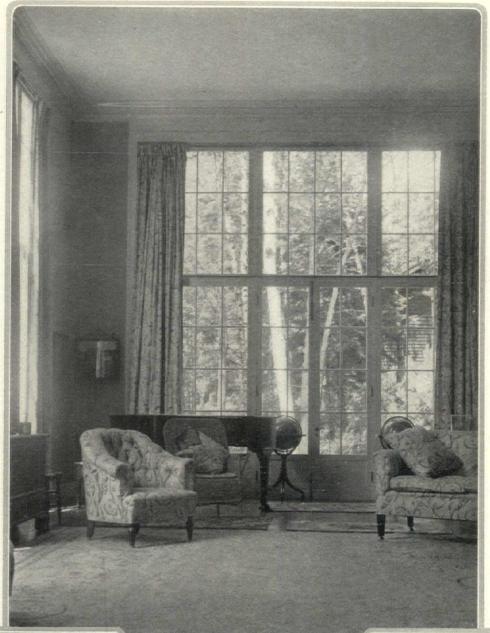
In California our house was kept too hot at night by artificial heat and too hot by day from sun heat, because the chance of seeds returning to dormancy after being ripened had not occurred to us. While we realized that the California frosts had been few and mild, we failed to understand the danger of decreased germination by higher temperatures.

#### SUBSEQUENT CARE

In ordinary greenhouse benches with sides it is very easy to place therein the mulch of ashes and then to plunge the little pots in it, each one containing its seed planted just below the surface of the mixture recommended. After planting, cover the soil in the pot with a light mixture of roasted sand. This will deter the fungus growth which, from the watering, will eventually appear on the sides of the pot. This fungus is the greatest danger to young seedlings. The mulch should be kept well dampened so that the seeds will always be moist; and as soon as the green fungus is noted on the little pots, or on the sand on the top of the earth, a change must be made to protect the seedlings should they appear.

By having a sufficient number of pots it will be easy to wash the new supply to be used in the formaldehyde solution. It is then a matter of no trouble at all to tap the pot gently, removing the ball of earth containing the seedling from it. When this is done, all the sand at the top of the soil should be scraped off. It will be found that the earth underneath does not contain any of the green mildew unless this has

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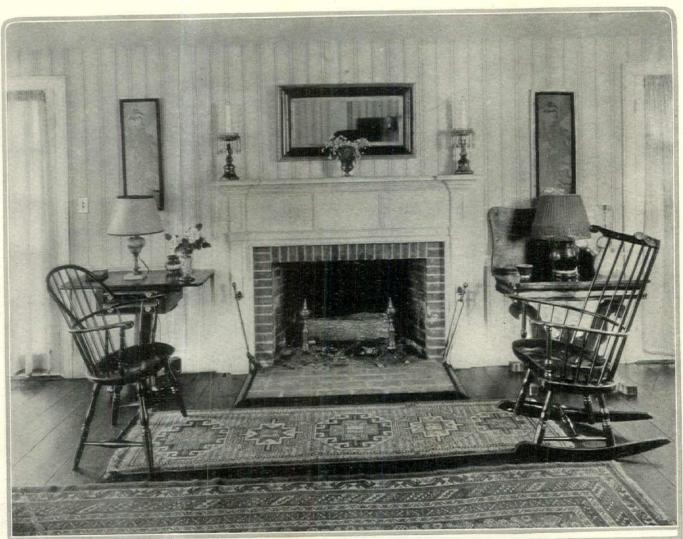
Being both an artist and a collector the owner, Carroll N. Tyson, built his summer home at Southwest Harbor, Maine, to accommodate his hobbies. This is one end of the studio

Ship models and pictures of ships are used extensively in the decoration of the house. The free space above the model suggests the open sea and forms an excellent background

A fascinating and satisfactory way of showing a collection of china and glass. The hooked rugs are in keeping with the subject. Edmund B. Gilchrist was the architect



THE HOME OF A COLLECTOR

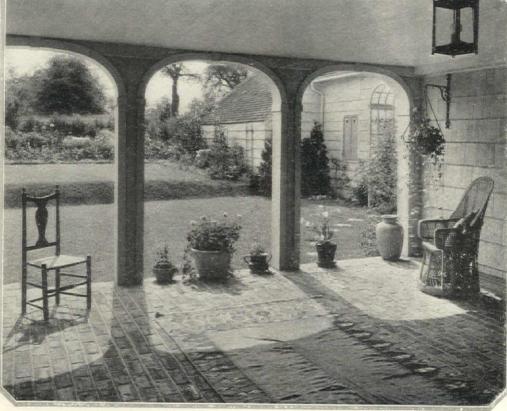






The home of Benjamin P. Vanderhoof, which stands on an elm-lined Connecticut side street, was made of an old farmhouse, a barn and sheds, linked by an arched porch. Calvin Kiessling, architect

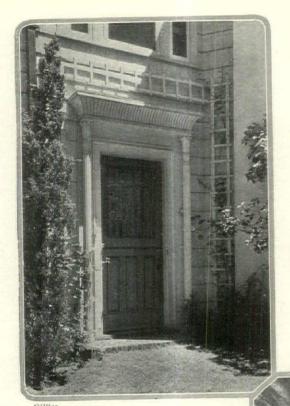
The arched passage that joins the house with what was the barn affords a delightful glimpse of the garden in its two levels. Above this passage is the sleeping porch. In the wings is the scudio



Simple furniture of the type found in the early Connecticut farmhouse has been used throughout. The woodwork is painted oyster white. The broad-board floors and the mantels are original

In both the dining room and the living room has been used a café au lait striped paper with colorful chintz hangings and jade green silk glass curtains. The fireplace here has a broad stone hearth

A HOUSE AT NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT



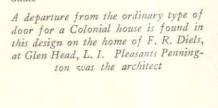
FIVE GOOD DOORS

On a house of rough plaster one of the best types is a round-top door of broad oak planks with heavy hardware and a simple leaded window. Julius Gregory, architect

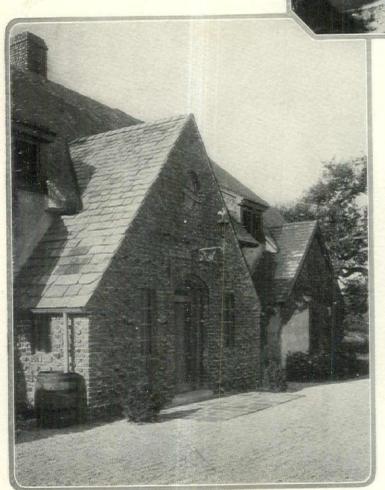


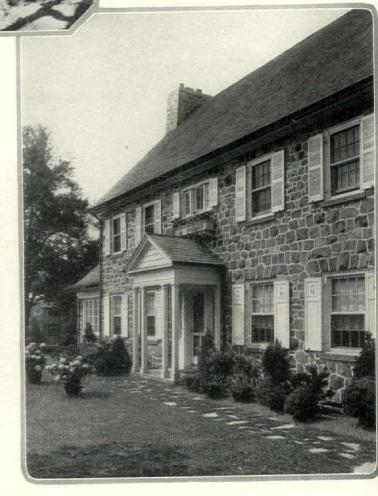
By repeating it in the outside portico opening, the fan light and the step, the semi-circle has given outstanding merit to this door designed for F. R. Dick by Pleasants Pennington

Among the architectural features of the Pennsylvania and upper Jersey stone farmhouse is the entrance portico. It has been reproduced in the home of E. S. H. Prendegast, at Short Hills, N. J. Charles M. Hart, architect



On an English cottage type of house it is often possible to accent the entrance by placing it in a projection. Howard Major, the architect of this design, the home of Wm. Beard at Jericho, L. I., has used brick for the purpose







The portable playhouse comes in a variety of designs and sizes. This type has one large playroom and a roomy porch. Courtesy of the E. F. Hodgson Company

### THE PLAYHOUSE IN THE GARDEN

This Happy Provision for Children Can be Made A

Feature of the Landscape Scheme

CHILDREN, who indoors are supposed to be seen and not heard, are apparently not even to be seen when garden designs are made. One would almost think that the architects and landscape architects who design our beautiful gardens are a race of childless people. Whatever is done for children in the garden comes as an afterthought; it isn't made a necessary and integral part of the layout.

The child in the garden asks for very little, but asks for that very little insistently. It wants a corner of its own. In the beginning years the sandbox is almost a requisite. As they grow along, boys attain the cave man age with a shanty and girls get

their first taste of domesticity with dolls. Both of these may be satisfied by a playhouse. You may be sure of it that if boys don't get a playhouse, they'll build a shanty. Where the boys predominate in a famly it is perhaps more satisfying to them if they build the playhouse with their own hands. In that case, one of the portable, knocklown houses may answer the purpose. Two types are illustrated in this text. Or if a more permanent tructure is desired-one hat can be used for storge or a tool house when he children grow uphen the little stucco building illustrated at the bottom of this page might be advisable.

The last, as the photograph shows, has real architectural merit. The dimensions of the main part are six by twelve feet. The entrance wing is four feet wide and projects two feet out from the house. The ceiling height is six feet. The door is one foot eight inches by four feet. The walls are constructed of 2 by 4 studs with wire lath and stucco; finish floor is yellow pine; inside walls and ceiling are of wall board with wood trim.

The stucco is of light cream color, obtained by using natural sand and white cement—no coloring matter was used.

The texture gives a remarkable effect with its shades and shadows.

The roof is covered with asphalt slate surfaced shingles—of red shading to green at the ridge. In the fall the roof blends beautifully with the red of the sumac trees in the rear.

The outside trim, door, and casements are painted mitis green. The inside walls are painted gray green, the base and panel strips and window trim French gray, and the sash mitis green. Deep marigold curtains are hung at the windows.

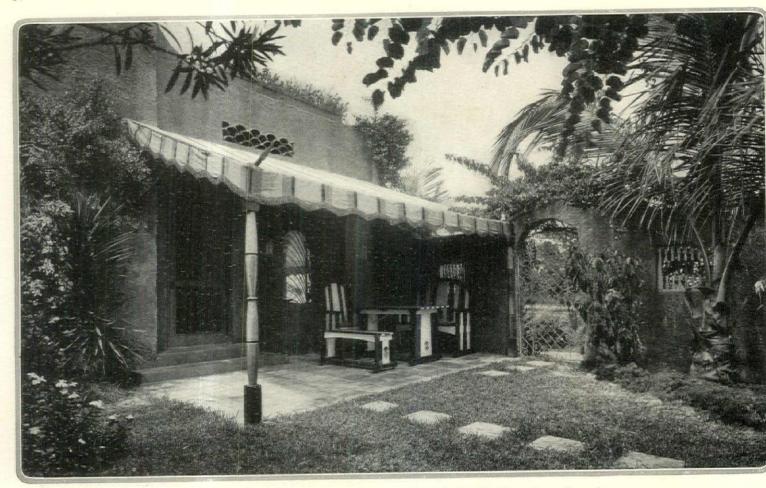
The door is grooved deeply in vertical lines to represent the old batten doors. The hinges are made of lead, hammered in

imitation of wrought iron. The lantern above the door is made of sheet copper and hangs on a bracket of strip brass. The ship in the recess at the roof peak is cut from copper and painted dull black. A flat ceiling over the little entrance wing provides an interesting shelf under the roof proper.

The location of the playhouse depends very much on the size of one's property, but as a general rule it should be placed near enough to the house so that parents are in close contact with it. It should, at least, be within sight and perhaps out of ear-shot. Where (Continued on page 106)



A permanent playhouse made to scale is a feature of the country house of Mrs. John P. Shields at Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y. A full description of it will be found in the accompanying text



The luxuriance expected of the Tropics is a natural quality in Florida gardens. It needs restraint lest it become too rampant, but is possessed of great possibilities when rightly guided. Its decorative value appears in the patio of the J. W. Humphries home in Coral Gables

# GARDEN FEATURES IN OUR TROPICS

In Southern Florida Is Found a Wealth of Plant Material that

Lends Itself to Splendid Garden Effects

#### HESTER SCOTT

THERE'S magic in gardens the world over, but there's more than magic in the gardens of southern Florida. Here are found blended the exotic beauty of tropic blossoms, trees, shrubbery and apparently parasitic plants such as Mosses, Ferns, Orchids and vines clinging for support to overhanging trees, with the homely beauty of those flowers which found grace and loveliness in the gardens of our Colonial grandmothers. And for the dash of fire and romance we find a decided influence borrowed from the Old World gardens of Spain, southern France and Italy.

It is not possible to reproduce in this atmosphere of tropical America the splendor and formality of those gardens of southern Europe, the magnificence of their grand stairways, with cascading waterfalls and vast pools, the austere beauty of the tile-floored gardens where flowering plants live mostly in jars of earthenware. But it has been possible to effect, on a smaller scale, the enclosed patio with its limpid

pool, fountain and potted shrubbery, whose top is open to the sunlit sky. And there are possible scenic effects which only this combination of climate and soil may re-

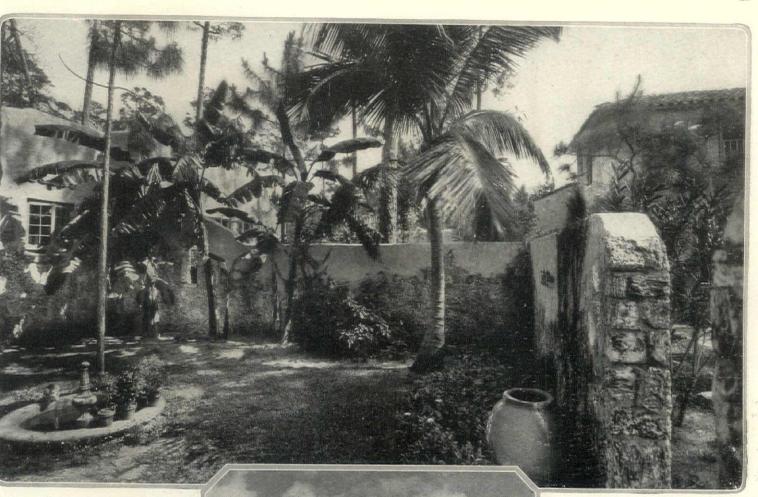
Throughout Florida's year may be seen the blood red of the Hibiscus flower, while Bougainvilleas, smothered in blossoms of purple and crimson, lend their wealth of color to the scene. And in the height of winter, when northern lands are whitequilted with snow, the gorgeous hues of the Bignonia, or Flame Flower, burst forth and transform the plainness of hidden fence, pole, or tree where they may find support, into a thing of flaming beauty. Then comes the soft-toned, blue-clustered Thunbergia, lending contrast to the background of exotic vividness and claiming admiration for its own more modest type of beauty.

The Oleander of the northern flower jar here becomes a tall, bushy tree, bearing its blossoms of pink and white and forming borders for a winding trail or backgrour for a southern garden, lending dignity ar atmosphere.

Planting, as well as blooming, is fr quent in southern Florida and offers a sche ule varied from that of any other part the country. Thus those who make the tropic country a winter residence may dire their spring planting before leaving f northern homes and may easily resume with complete success on their return the fall. All annuals may be planted fro September 1st to December1st, coming i to bloom within their accustomed period Shrubs, trees and vines are planted duri the season of the spring-time rains, a may be carried well through the summ It is not advisable to move tropic tre during the winter months.

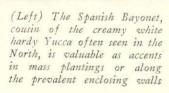
Ferns, especially Maidenhair, whi grows wild in many of the hammocks small, grassy swamps of the section, a best planted during the month of Octob

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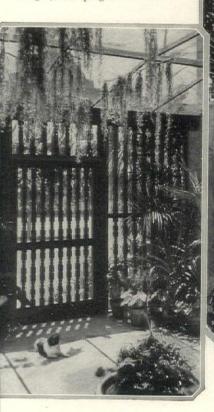


Tradition and climate justify the Spanish feeling in architecture and garden design. The shaded patio of George E. Merrick, Coral Gables, might have come from the Old World

Much of the native plant material is exceptionally decorative in form, color or both. Spanish moss, for example, lends itself to graceful effects when hung from pergola or arch



Southern conditions are especially favorable to Water-Lilies. The mildness of the climate makes possible the growing of many of the tender varieties whose color range is wide







The courtyard is a feature of most houses found in Mediterranean countries. In Italy, as will be seen in the Villa Lo Strozzino in this issue, it is called the cortile; in Spanish countries the patio. Here it is paved with flagging and colorful with flowers. A cloister on the right leads to a guest house

One side of the courtyard is formed by a series of arches curtained off with heavy blue hangings and furnished for dances. The arches of this and the wooden curtained balcony above it are shown at the left. The tiles and marbles for the floor of this house came from an old monastery near Havana

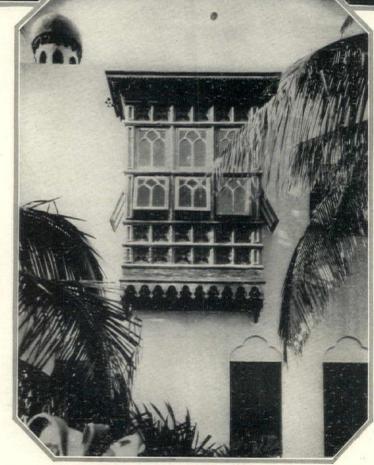
A MOORISH HOUSE
IN FLORIDA



There appears to be something about the atmosphere and climate of Florida that permits the transplanting of many kinds of bizarre architecture. Practically all the Mediterranean countries have contributed. This example, the home of H. H. Pennock in Palm Beach, drew on Spain for its inspiration

Among the features of the exterior are the elaborately carved, overhanging windows, called, in the Persian tongue, "Moncharaby" or spy windows, from which the women may peep at the world without themselves being seen. These are Moorish details pleasingly incorporated in the design. Theodore A. Rawley, architect

TRANSPLANTED ARCHITECTURE



### SALVAGE FOR TOWN BETTERMENT

Rescue Old Houses and Buildings That Establish The

Historic and Architectural Past

BEING youthful as a nation, we have no dwindling residue of great architecture of the past to supply visible history to our cities and countryside.

Considering our early buildings, Mt. Vernon is our nearest approach to historic royal residences such as Versailles or Windsor, and the White House is our offering for comparison with old city palaces such

as the Luxemburg, or the Louvre in Paris, or St. James', or Kensington in London. In contrast to the great cathedrals abroad, we can show a few small old Georgian churches. Nevertheless, the survivals we have of simple buildings, dating from the late sixteen hundreds to the early nineteen hundreds, are tasteful and sincere and may be

The home of Chief Justice Marshall in Richmond, Va., is preserved to recall the days of early Richmond and the fame of one of her greatest citizens considered as illustrations in full relief of our Colonial and early Republican days. Aside from this illustration value, such old buildings as we have left are generally pleasing in their homely Georgian way and offer a true standard of taste in their consistency and absence of whimsical affectation.

Considering several of our earlier public

buildings—the Old State House and Kings Chapel in Boston, the City Hall in New York, Independence Hall in Philadelphia—with all of these, aside from their historic interest, the tasteful dignity of their design makes them valuable assets as civic embellishments.

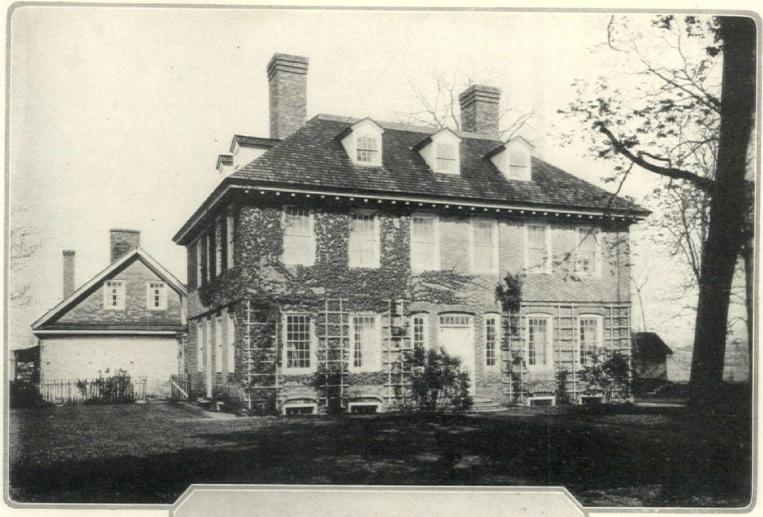
Our survivals are diminutive when they have to suffer association with lofty steel

framed buildings. In our larger cities, it is this diminutiveness in contrast which sets the old building apart and makes it outstandingly conserved. It becomes as conspicuous as does the little old lady when the traffic is stopped for the cop to set her across the avenue.

No visitor coming to New York, and seeing the old City Hall with its ad-

Bought by the town in 1868 and now owned by the State, the old Philipse Manor House in Yonkers brings distinction to the neighborhood





"Stenton" at Germantown, Pa., is an unusually early Georgian house, now cared for by the Colonial Dames as a memorial to James Logan

jacent park, can fail to realize that here is a greatly prized historic old structure. In this particular instance, the contrast in scale between the old and new is such that the City Hall appears like a scale model placed among full sized neighbors. In smaller towns and out in the country, this contrast between the old and the new is not so marked. In rural localities, the buildings still retain their human size. Pedal ascension via the stairway still controls the height. So it is in the less crowded districts where the preservation and use of earlier buildings as civic features affords the most successful combination of the old with the present.

The high values of land in our larger cities makes the preservation of an old



The Capen House, at Topsfield, Mass., a 17th Century structure, was found worthy of preserving. This is the house before restoration

building with its surrounding plot a much more difficult undertaking than in a country district where there is less competition between business on one hand and sentiment and aesthetics on the other.

Definite historical association is too often looked upon as the only compelling reason for saving an old landmark, when sightliness in itself should be of sufficient importance to stimulate the necessary effort.

Old buildings which have never been graced by notabilities offer just as good material as town accessories, (Continued on page 124)

The local Historical Society of Topsfield found the Capen House in poor state — original clapboards and windows gone. It was bought and restored

# SOD STEPS FOR THE GARDEN

Harmony of Texture and Color in the Garden Is Enhanced by Good Steps of Turf Connecting the Different Levels

#### CARL STANTON

Two bits of greensward separated by stone steps, steps of inharmonious texture and color in the flower garden, hard, barren steps where one especially desires restful surroundings, huge masses of construction that stare one out of countenance in spite of magnificent lawns and shrubbery. These common, yet numerous, errors in garden designing could all be eliminated by the use of steps of sod.

True, sod steps will not stand an immense amount of traffic, but few people realize just how much treading grass will stand and still survive. Well-made sod steps that have a width of only six feet will show little wear with fifty people passing over them every day, and few garden paths receive more traffic than that.

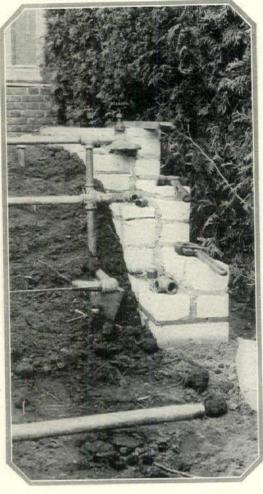
Correctly designed sod steps will show a tread of at least sixteen inches, and twenty to twenty-four is preferable where there is space. The risers should not exceed six or seven inches, so that a person will not have to step so far down as to incur the risk of turning his ankle.

A pipe with a diameter of one inch should run the entire length of each step just under the outside corner of the tread, to carry the weight of the person and hold the edge of the step true and firm.

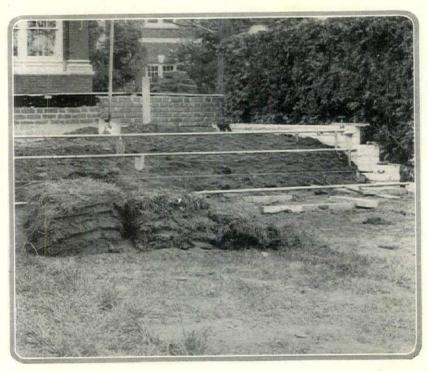
This pipe is braced every six feet with a leg which is driven into the ground. The pipe is drilled with small holes (1/16" diameter) spaced along every foot, and is connected to the water supply at one end. The other end is plugged to prevent the water

leaking out. A valve should be arranged so that water can be allowed to enter the pipe and filter out through the holes when the sod needs moisture.

If the plumber has been careful and has laid out his pipe according to exact measurements, the rest of the work can proceed rapidly. The sod used must be tough, free from weeds, and of a uniform thickness, preferably of one of the short, dense-growing grasses. It should be cut into strips a foot wide and about six inches longer than the combined lengths of a riser and a tread. No earth is filled in around the pipes before the steps are laid, but a supply of friable, rich loam



Transverse pipes serve as water distributors and supports for the sod. They should provide a riser height of 6" and a tread width of 16" to 24"



should be placed on the top level, above the steps, for use as the work progresses.

The sod on the level below the steps should be trimmed off square to a depth of three inches on a line that parallels the pipe of the first step, but which is two inches farther out than the outside edge of pipe. This is so that the sod of the step-riser will be plumb up and down, and will lock three inches into the ground behind the sod of the lower level.

The strips of sod for the first step are so placed, with their lower edge three inches into the ground and their sides pressed close to each other, that they hang over the pipe, their top edge (which will later be the inside of the tread) dangling loose. A plank of at least two inches thickness is then fastened securely in place across the riser, so that when the earth is thrown in behind the sod to make the step, it can be tamped hard without displacing the sod. The dangling tread-ends of the sod are hung back over the plank to facilitate tamping the earth.

If the steps are to last and keep their shapes, this tamping of the loam under the treads is of great importance. The level of the top of the loam should be about one half way up the side of the pipe. The sod tread is then laid back in place, and—without removing the plank from the face—is tamped firm and even; the back edge cut off square on a line two inches outside the face of the pipe of the next step; and a trench three inches deep

scooped out to hold the edges of the strips of the next riser.

Care must be used to prevent the workmen tramping too heavily on the steps just completed, while working on those above.

When the laying is completed, the new sod should be coated liberally with loam, and seeded with a fine grass seed. Care must be used in watering at first, to prevent washing; and to that end the hose is better than the underground sprinklers for the first two months.

The upkeep of a flight of sod steps does not differ materially from that of any regular piece of well-kept lawn. Weeds should be (Continued on page 114)

### HOW IS YOUR GARDEN SOIL?

Garden Success Is Built Literally From the Ground Up and Hinges

Upon Certain Simple But Essential Factors

#### ROBERT S. LEMMON

As food is to the human being, gasoline to the motor car, deposits and mortgages and notes to the bank—so is soil to the flower,

vegetable, bush or tree. Its high quality is literally essential to growth, to fruition, to health and happiness. Of all the elements that enter into garden successes or failures it is the most important. To adapt a slogan which has recently been given prominence by a certain metropolitan police executive, without the right soil "you can't win."

What makes it "right"? Well, a number of things. First of all, the subject matter of the little drawing a couple of inches above these words. Perhaps you have thought this a dish of cereal, so let me explain:

Chemically speaking, soils are acid, alkaline or neutral. The first connotes a considerable degree of acid of a tannic nature, rendering the soil what is commonly known as "sour"; the second, relatively little such acid and an over-balancing percentage of lime; and the third, a happy medium between the two extremes. A few plants require the first condition, many more thrive under the second, and the great majority do best where neutrality exists. Any of these classes, given conditions foreign to its tastes, will fail more or less completely.

It is essential, therefore, to determine this matter of chemical character in advance of actual gardening time, in order that your plants shall not be forced to eat food which may disagree with them. Which brings us-

directly to the little saucer of slightly dampened soil which suggests a helping of porridge.

The object which looks somewhat like the handle of a spoon is in reality a strip of blue litmus paper procured from the drug store. Partly buried in a

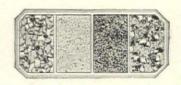
couple of handfuls of earth from the garden whose chemistry you wish to investigate, its sensitive color will turn reddish if acidity exists, the degree of the change being a fair indication of the intensity of the condition. Should the original blue remain after several minutes you may be sure that unless you plan to grow acid-loving plants like Rhododendrons, Laurel and some others, especially among our native wildings, you have little to worry about on this score. Tannic acid in solution, alu-

minum sulphate, or quantities of Oak leafmold from the woods will provide acidity if you want it for such special purposes. Conversely, the addition of slaked lime or ground limestone will counteract it in any degree desired.

Lime is most easily applied by hand,

scattering it over the ground in early spring until the surface is white, allowing it to be carried down by the rain, and completing its distribution through the soil by a thorough forking over to a depth of eight inches or so. Thus applied, it will not only alter the chemical condition of the gar-

den, but assist somewhat in setting free and stimulating certain valuable elements in the way of plant food and beneficial bacteria which would otherwise remain dormant and unavailable. Few soils have too much of it, except from the standpoint of the acid-



lovers already mentioned. It is an excellent tonic to apply once a year on general principles, particularly if you have also worked into the soil some of the standard enrichers, such as barnyard manure, which have a tendency to increase the percentage of acidity, especially when applied in quantity.

Nourishing plant food, which is carried to stalk, leaf and blossom via the roots in water-dissolved form, is at its best when seasoned with lime. Particularly good growth builders are nitrogen, phosphorus and various nitrates. These are all contained in the

general fertilizers sold by the pound or bag in the garden supply store. They should be dug deeply into the soil before planting time. As to the quantity to use, you may rely upon the directions which the catalogs provide. Other valuable aids to growth are the bacterial inoculants which, prepared especially for this purpose, may be mixed with the soil in order that their activities may make available for consumption what would otherwise be indigestible plant food.

Quite apart from questions of chemistry,

the physical condition of the earth in which you plan to plant is highly important. Without entering into minute detail, the facts are these:

A soil may be so porous that the rain which falls upon it drains rapidly away, as in the case of sand; or so compact that the

water can hardly soak into it at all, a condition exemplified by pure clay. The former type is made up of particles so relatively large, and so non-absorbent in themselves, that the moisture not only finds innumerable passages whereby to obey the law of gravity, but is given little encouragement

to tarry by the wayside. In the case of the clay type, the particles are so small and fit so closely together that interstices are virtually non-existent.

Since the constant presence in the soil of a fair amount of moisture is essential to plant life, both of these conditions are far from ideal. Of the two, the sand is perhaps the less unfavorable because, although both rain and nourishing chemicals may pass rapidly through it, it at least allows easy passage for the tiny feeding rootlets of the plants and enough aeration to meet their needs. Clay, on the other hand, is so dense that the root system has to put up a stiff fight to make any headway at all, and is rather a stifling element in which to exist.

It would seem, then, that a blending of these two types would be ideal, but here a third element enters the discussion: retentiveness of moisture. In other words, the ability of the soil to absorb the rainfall and hold it where it will do the most good for the longest possible time, while still allowing the roots free passage and admitting the necessary amount of air for them.

Perhaps the most retentive earth within these specifications is that consisting of pure leaf-mold—the product of leaves, stems and rootlets rotting away year after year until they form a black, "woodsy" soil.

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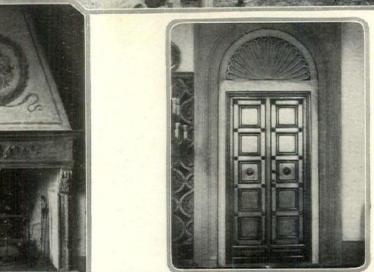






A bed of the 17th Century influences the furnishings of the owner's bedroom. The wall brocade supplants the high headboard of earlier times







A detail of the drawing room fireplace shows how the plaster of the sloping chivnney breast is decorated with polychrome floral wreath



valance, carvedpiece and plaster breast decorated with a conventional tree in polychrome, are features of the dining room fireplace

brocade smoke

At the end of the drawing room a stove framed lavabo now holds a collection of porcelains. The furniture is of various Italian periods

### A FLORENTINE VILLA of THE RENAISSANCE

In The Villa Lo Strozzino Are Found the Typical Architectural

Characteristics of these Noble Houses

#### ROBERT CARRERE

AN ancient writer speaking of Florence and its environs once said, "There are five thousand noble villas in the hills about, all of the first order of beauty." Many of these have been restored, many remodelled to suit modern requirements, but even those

on which the hand of time lies heavily have a beauty that is unforgettable.

Italian villas, like old silver, china, tapestries and furniture, have certain definite characteristics that tell their story. The hallmark or signature of an Italian villa, especially one of Florence, is stamped clearly, and one may know the date, the architect and the conditions surrounding its creation, if one but has the key.

The early villa was, first of all, built directly on the country lane that leads to its door. A perfectly plain exterior, with ironbarred windows set high above the road, gave no hint of the charms to be found within. But once inside, there was always the usual group of characteristic features—the cor-tile, around which the villa was built and which served as a waiting place until further admittance was granted to the villa itself; the loggia, always on the first floor above the ground, usually at the corner of two façades so as to have a double exposure to the sun and a wider view; and a low tower, from which there was a lookout, nowadays transformed into a pigeon-cote or altogether abolished, leaving the low pitched tile roof unbroken except by chimneys over its

entire expanse. Last, but not least, the roof had a great projection beyond the walls of the villa, supported on wooden brackets beneath the eaves, thereby protecting the upper windows from the sun and increasing considerably the area of the roof, which in many cases was the sole

means of collecting rain water to supply the cistern.

A perfect example of this early type of villa is Lo Strozzino, at Belloguardo, whose records bear the date of 1427 and which contains many characteristic fea-



Heiskell

The long ground stoor corridor from which all the principal rooms open has a vaulted ceiling supported on gray stone capitals. The stoor is of polished bricks. The leaded windows open into the cortile or inner courtyard

tures perfectly incorporated. The cortile is attributed to Brunelleschi, the greatest architect in the Europe of his day. An old watch-tower, the buttresses of which are all that remain, dates two hundred years earlier than the villa itself. The loggia on the upper floor is a perfect example of the

Florentine type in such a feature.

Like Aladdin's cave, these delights lie concealed behind massive walls of stone, and unless one has the magic lamp to rub or a friendly genii to open the gates, the outside, so like that of all its neighbors, is

about all one is likely to see. Supposing, however, one has the password—the great wooden doors, eighteen feet high and studded with huge nails, swing open slowly, revealing the courtyard with its graceful arches, leaded glass windows and yellow roses spreading over the sunwashed ochre walls. This is the natural transition from the bare exterior on the road to the charm of the villa's interior.

On entering the inner door proper, there is a long corridor lighted by leaded panes on the courtyard side, the opposite wall being broken by doors leading into the principal rooms along its length. These in turn have high windows with steps leading up to the sills, where in the embrasure of each, one finds little stone seats on which to sit while enjoying the splendor of the gardens and terraces without.

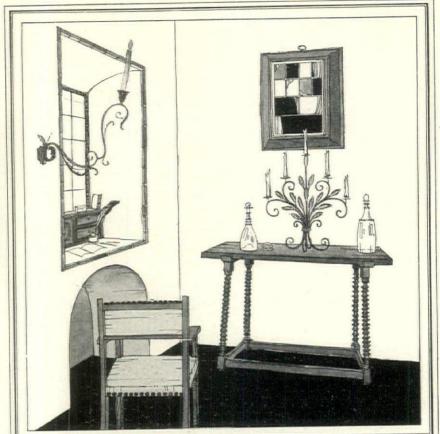
Certain typical features give the real date of this 15th Century interior: the red brick floors—the bricks were originally boiled in wax to give them a mirror-like finish—, the stone door frames, some plain and some beautifully carved, and the vaulted ceilings throughout the lower floor. The fireplaces, furniture and other decorations that were added in later times

bring one down to the present age of heating, lighting and modern conveniences. None of these, not even the fireplace, was enjoyed by the original inhabitants; the great rooms of these villas were often heated only by a brazier of coals.

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For the boy who likes ships comes a scrap basket covered with an interesting ship paper in shades of yellow, red and green. Mrs. Gordon Abbott





Above is a commodious vase for long-stemmed flowers—are production of Stiegel glass in clear green with an engraved ship design. From the Mayhew Shop

(Right) This very crisp looking lamp shade is cream parchment with a lattice design of wide and hair-line stripes in red. Other colors. Gotham & MacLaughlin



The graceful candelabra sketched above is hand-wrought iron touched here and there with gold. It is 19 inches high, with a 17 inch spread. Courtesy of Adeline De Voo



The small maple bench shown above is a useful accessory for a room furnished in the early American manner. The seat measures 20 inches wide. From the Mayhew Shop



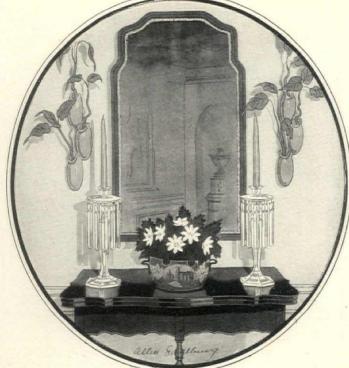
(Above) These sturdy brass andirons are intended for a small fireplace. They are 10 inches high and may be had in polished or antique finish. From the H. W. Covert Co.

A convenient table for writing, reading or solitaire is of light-weight wood in durable lacquer finish. Black, blue, green or red, with contrasting stripe. Solitaire Table Co.

#### SEEN IN THE

SHOPS

(Right) This group is suggested for a small hall. Walnut and gold mirror 19 x 33 inches. Mrs. Gillette Nichols. Pottery flower holders, Fran-cesca Bostwick. Painted tin jardinière, Lord & Taylor



The small crystal liqueur bottle and glasses shown in the picture in the center of

SEE PAGE 100 FOR THE AD-DRESSES OF THE SHOPS MEN-TIONED ON THESE PAGES

the page have graceful en-graved flower designs. They come from the Frankl Galleries







Above is a fine re-production of an old French desk lamp in antique silver finish. It is adjustable and fitted with a dark green tin shade decorated in gold. It comes from G. E. Walter

This gay and very interesting map of New York City at the present time was painted by Joseph B. Platt. It measures 30 x 38 inches and is printed in five colors. Washington Square Bookshop



An interesting accessory for a boy's room is the student lamp above made of pewter with a parch-ment shade orna-mented with sten-cilled designs of ships and stars. 25 inches high. Macy

# The GARDENER'S CALENDAR for JANUARY

This Calendar of the gardener's labors is planned as a reminder for all his tasks in season. It is fitted to the Middle States, but should be available for the whole country if for every one hundred miles north or south there be made a difference of from five to seven days later or earlier in operations. The dates given are for an average season

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
20112	deeper one goes into g the questions which ed a constantly wideni most delightful of	present themselves t	or solution. I hus th tion, specialization an	ere is	1 Ornamental trees and shrubs can still be planted successfully in case the ground is soft enough to permit digging the holes for them. After planting, mulch well.	2 Blossoms from i door flowerin bulbs such as t Paper-white Narcican be enjoyed winter by the e pedient of succession planting.
3 A good mulch of or orting Oak leaves or Pine needles will help protect the Rho- dodendrons and maintain the soil acid- ity necessary to their well-being.	4 Coldframes heated from the regular house system are often feasible at moderate cost. They will provide a supply of fresh vegetables all winter.	5 A check-up of gar- and supplies is a good plan now, so that needed replacements can be decided upon and purchased in ample time.	6 Laurel branches in water will keep fresh for months indoors. Gather them only from cultivated plants, for the wild ones need full protection.	7 Gladiolus bulbs 7 should not be wintered over in a hot room. They ought to be kept in a fairly cool, dry place with good air circulation and little light.	S Tarred paper or fine-meshed wire cylinders around the trunks of young fruit trees are a good winter protection against gnawing rabbits these cold nights.	9 Other things being equal, a careful planned garden whe more success than a hit-or-minon. Work it out no paper, using good-sized scale.
10 A frequent cause of sour soil in house-plant containers is too large pots. The roots should extend through virtually all the soil in order to keep it sweet.	11 An hour or two of searching for and destroying the egg clusters of the tent caterpillars on the Wild Cherries will be well repaid next spring.	12 House Palms ought to be sponged off with cool fresh water once a month. Also, see that they have plenty of light, but not too strong.	13 Root crops and fruit stored for the winter should be examined frequently for signs of rot which may spread rapidly if unchecked and affect most of the crop.	14 The outdoor Cel- remain accessible even in the coldest weather if it is kept deeply covered with dead leaves or straw to exclude frost.	15 The temperature window panes may become so low on bitter nights that pot plants should be moved back a yard or two.	16 Weekly stirri, soil in the greenhou benches and indo plant pots will beneficial in that admits air to t roots.
17 If you have been feeding the winter birds, keep it up. They will welcome it now more than ever, especially if they have become accustomed to it.	18 Clinging snow on a fitto be jarred loose from the evergreen branches after every heavy storm so that they will not be broken down by it.	19 A wheeled tea- adapted to the indoor window garden is an excellent plan, in or- der that the plants may be moved about easily.	20 Any heavy hauling or cartage about the lawn or grounds is best done while the ground is frozen, thus eliminating ruts and other disfigurement.	21 Don't be afraid to prowl through several seed catalogs from different firms. Comparisons between them are often illuminating and decidedly helpful.	22 Plants of German from every good florist, make ideal greenery indoors. They are easy to secure and care for, and look well trailing or trained.	23 During this sia 23 season repainti and generally own hauling the gard furniture are entire in order. Use or the best oil paint, I too thick.
24 Outside pruning judget to be finished up this month, as it not infrequently happens that a warm spell in February starts the sap on its upward flow.	25 There are real advantages in early orders for flower and vegetable seeds. For one, many of the larger houses will give you a discount.	26 All new bird houses should be put in place during the winter so that they can weather a bit before their prospective tenants arrive from the south.	27 First-class seed nore than the inferior, and is more than worth the difference. This applies particularly to named varieties.	28 Coal gas per- house as a result of a poorly regulated fur- nace is most harmful to plants. Its pres- ence should be scru- pulously avoided.	29 Almost every place, large or small, has room for dwarf fruit trees. These yield surprisingly and should be ordered now for spring planting.	30 Dahlias, Tomas and other tubers a roots winter of most successfully the dark with a teperature of between the control of th

31 Spraying the folitimes a week is a realhelp in maintaining the health of house plants. Use a regular garden syringe and clear water.





CAROLUS LINNAEUS

Two contrasting portraits of the great Swedish botanist (1707-1778). At the left, as he appeared in Lapland costume at the age of twenty five; above, a picture from his later years



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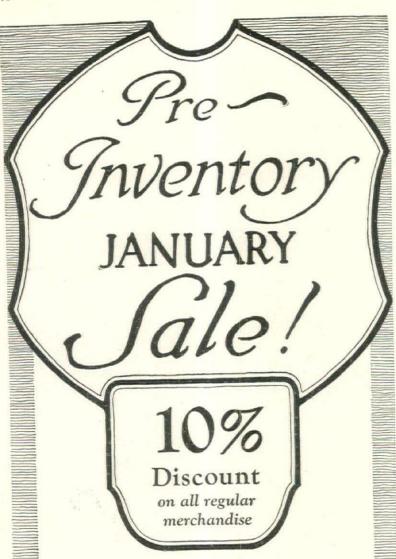


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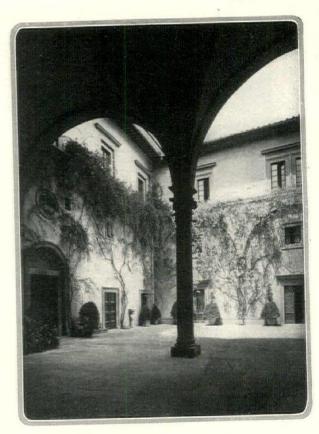


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In the brilliant sunshine the cortile offers a strong contrast of ochre walls with yellow Tea Roses and the black shadows of the arches

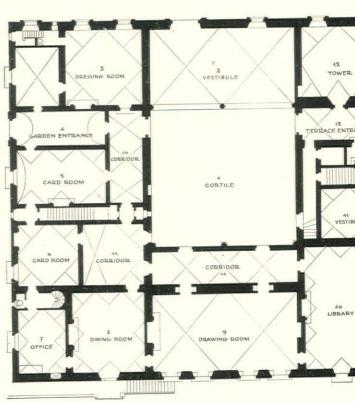
### A TYPICAL FLORENTINE VILL

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On the bedroom floor the ceilings are wooden-beamed, some coffered and decorated in polychrome, others just the natural wood darkened by age. The floors are of brick, highly polished. But no stone door frames are to be found; these embellishments were made only for the eyes of the

visitors who came to the rooms
Such visitors rarely penetra
the family quarters, unless the
been invited to dine on a s
evening in the great corner
looking out upon the Flo
land-cape, dotted with castles i

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The plan of Villa Lo Strozzino is typical of the old Florentine villa, with its main living and service rooms built around a courtyard. Upstairs are the bedrooms and the loggia



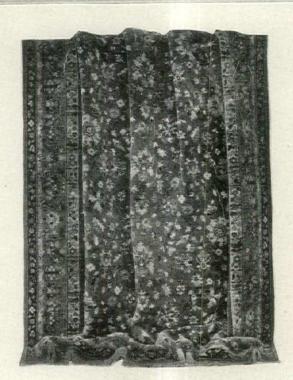
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In the guest chamber is a rare bed of silver leaf with stender carved posts. It is covered with old peach colored damask.

The rest of the furniture is walnut

#### A TYPICAL FLORENTINE VILL

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Olive orchards and Cypresses raising their spires against the orange sunset. It must be remembered that the loggia was always on an upper floor, never on the ground or garden level, as we in America conceive a Florentine loggia to be.

This custom of dining out of doors is one that is today enjoyed by everyone who owns a villa with a loggia. It is at this late sunset hour, when the lighted candles in their hanging glass globes cast their soft radiance on the table beneath, that the spell of the Florentine villa and Renaissance romance weaves itself into our dreams, and we are surprised to find our-

selves literally taken back without even a jolt, to the heyo the Renaissance—shockingly of for the occasion in a tell-tale coat!

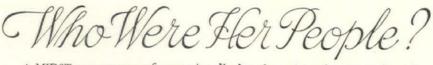
Editor's Note: In his next of Mr. Carrere will describe the dens of the Villa Lo Strozzino, are of a kind to be found surror many of the Florentine willas Carrere is an American architectives and practices in Florence has remodelled and restored of the old willas in the neighbor of that city.

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Primroses are at their best in a rich, fat soil and a situation which is not dry or sun-scorched. Protection from the north winds means earlier blooming

#### THE PRIMROSE AND HER COUSIN

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ditions that prevail here resulted in a tradition of their unreliability, a tradition passed from gardener to gardener down the years but never given a thorough test. For very certain it is that we may have Primroses and Cowslips and Oxlips, all we want of them, if we but learn and observe their necessities. And the most important of these are some degree of shade, a rich, deep, moisture-retaining soil, plenty of drink during the growing season and occasional division.

Of course if your ground is poor and thin and porous, your situation wind-swept and sun-bitten, you will have trouble with Primroses and all the tribe until you have remedied these defects. But all you who number among your possessions a strip of woodland, a little damp copse, a low meadow, or a shaded, moist corner, even a north border against the house, may plant generously, sure of a rich reward in tufts of dark, wrinkled foliage and bunches of pale blooms which, it seems to me, more than any other flowers add to the young enchantment of the spring.

To consider first the true Primrose -Primerole, as it used to be called in very early days, the firstling of the spring. Its botanical designation is Primula acaulis, sometimes P. vulgaris. It has the characteristic tufted growth of rough, wrinkled leaves, and the flowers, large, round, appear solitary on the stems from amidst the foliage. These blossoms in the wild forms are pale yellow-the color of fresh butter-and rarely white. But in response to the skill of enthusiasts they have been brought to assume an extraordinary array of charming hues -pink, rose, crimson, dove-color, lilac, mauve, purple and, wonder of wonders, a clear pure blue with a smart yellow eye. These blue Primroses are quite enchanting to look upon and amazing too, for there is no smallest hint of that old haunting magenta in their composition. Moreover they have the most satisfactory and endearing habit of giving a sec-

ond blossoming. It is November write and the patch of blue I roses in the rock garden are run true to form and making read bloom. Clustered at the heart o rough leaves are many buds that will open out into round blue flo I have more than once gathered in December.

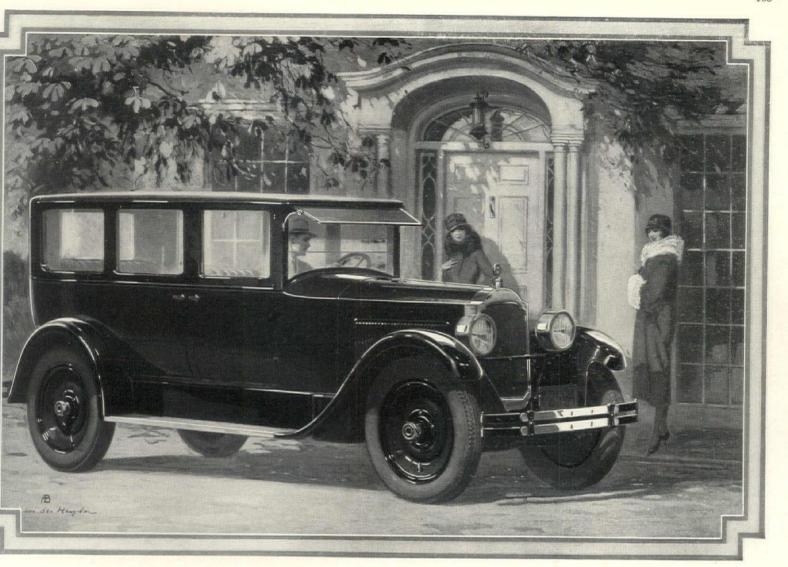
The Primrose is a plant of shaded banks, of woodlands, of dering streamsides. It will no dure in poor, light soils, or oper shine. If the right sort of situ is not at hand it is easy, howev create with shrubs and trees a copse, hollowing out the earth depth of a foot or something and filling in with a rich, fat ture—well rotted leaves, old manure, clay or heavy, sticky and leaving the surface slightly cave in order to catch all the mo possible. A rotting log or old will add to the picture and serv as a windbreak to the north b which the Primroses will rest s attentive to the south winds, and blossoming, in the neighborhood New York, as early as the mide March.

Towards winter we mulch plants with old cow manure, or ing this, with leafmold, worki the stuff about the tufts but no ering the crowns. When cold w comes a light covering of oak is thrown over them and held in by light branches.

Primroses are easy enough to from seed if the method descri last October's article is followed first importance is it that the should be fresh. So do not bu in the spring and save it unti before sowing. Buy it in th from a dealer who is willing sure you that it has been fresh ered.

Thereafter they may be increa division, allowing the plants, ever, to grow into fine thrifty before they are broken up, and ing out this operation in th

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spring soon after they have finished flowering. These divisions must be carefully looked to and kept growing strongly. They must never be allowed to dry out, and frequent waterings with thin liquid manure will help them along amazingly. Indeed, Primroses of all sorts have a weakness for this soft drink and thrive upon it exceedingly.

The double Primrose is a rare and lovely thing. It is less robust of constitution than its single sister and requires a very sheltered situation, an unfailing supply of moisture during the growing season, sharp and certain drainage, more coddling altogether. But it is well worth it, as may be judged from its portrait. The rock garden is the best place for it, for therein its needs may be the more easily provided for and shelter afforded it. The one pictured is a soft clear lavender in color, and there are white, blush and rose forms.

#### THE COWSLIPS

Cowslips (Primula veris or P. officinalis) are considerably easier to grow than Primroses. Almost any garden not utterly dry and sun-scorched will support them. Any good garden soil satisfies them and while they like moisture and a little shadow they do not demand as much of either as do Primroses and Oxlips. Cowslips, as may be seen by comparing their portraits, are quite different from the true Primrose. Their leaves are smoother and not so deeply seamed and wrinkled, and the blossoms in their soft white husks are worn in little one-sided bunches, or umbels, on slender, erect stems. They are bright yellow with little red dots insidesure mark of the Cowslip-and droop slightly, and they are deliciously and freshly fragrant. With any encouragement at all they wax into fat clumps and send up perfect fountains of vellow bloom most lovely for the filling of certain low blue bowls in-doors. There is no reason not to have a lot of Cowslips, for they come easily from seed and old plants may be divided every two or three years to increase the stock. Moreover they self-sow quite prodigally when in congenial surroundings, and it is a great satisfaction to see young Cowslips coming up along the shaded paths and pushing back beneath the shrubbery in ever-widening colonies.

Improvements have been made upon the wild Cowslip to the extent that we have larger and more robust-growing plants with somewhat larger blossoms, but they do not vary readily as to color. Only occasionally are orange or scarlet forms met with. The Hose-in-Hose Cowslip is a quaint old-fashioned conceit, having one blossom set within another, the name derived from a fancied resemblance to a sort of ancient foot-wear. Strains of Hose-in-Hose seed are now to be had, and very interesting are the results to be obtained therefrom, a large percentage of the plants showing the curious variation.

The Oxlip (Primula elatior) closely allied to the Cowslip as a regarded in some quarters as a variation, though more authenti it seems, as a separate species. flowers just after the Primrose before the Cowslip. The pale ye flowers are carried in a loose sided bunch and are larger and fithan Cowslip flowers. And scentless. The leaves are more those of the Primrose.

Oxlips grow naturally in 1 sunny meadows. They are th But if you cannot give them their preference you will meet with a deal of success by planting the shade and providing a rich and soil that will hold what moisture may be. Mulching with old m or leafmold will also help. I that when suited they self-so freely as the Cowslips and soon fine thrifty clumps. There are in-Hose varieties of the Oxlip that come in charming colors. sort, a pale buff and rose combin that has been in my garden for years, blooms almost as early the Primroses, bursting forth veritable bouquets of bloom mo lightful for cutting.

And there is a fourth member this group that must by no member neglected. As a matter of fact much less neglected in American dens than any of the foregoing. Polyanthus or Bunch Primrose good deal of vogue as a spring ding plant. Most nurseries caund it is hawked about substreets in the spring in company Pansies and English Daisies.

#### POLYANTHUS PRIMROSES

Polyanthus is not known in a state. Its origin is in doubt, bu probably a child of the garde does not appear in horticultural ature until the beginning of the Century, so beside the Primros Oxlip and the Cowslip, which : in the very earliest records, i mere parvenu. But it is very indeed and much showier than cestored sisters. The Polyanth claimed the attention of the killed hybridists. There are ing and brilliant strains now had with huge round bunch blossoms on strong stems, usefu for spring gardening and for ting. One of the best strains in Jekyll's Bunch Primroses, runni scale from white to rich yello with blossoms over two inches Sutton has a fine strain also a Spetchley forms, exhibiting th brilliant colors and markings gained a merited notoriety.

Like all their ilk these plan comfort, rich soil, shadow, ab moisture, but they will give so of response without any of things. They are easily raised seed, and cared for they are of the most amazing returns in and blossom. They are the the group to blossom.

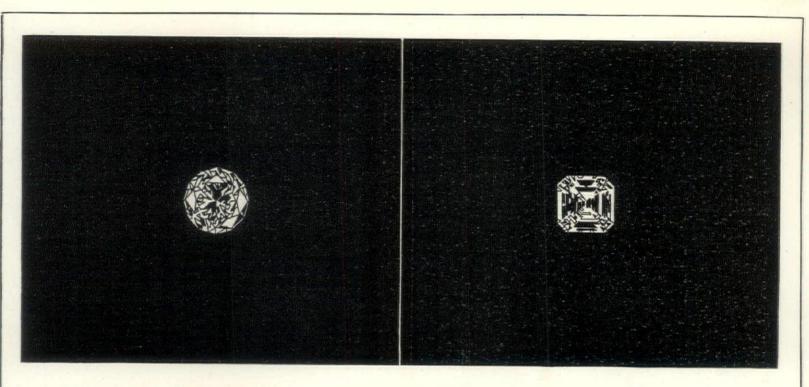
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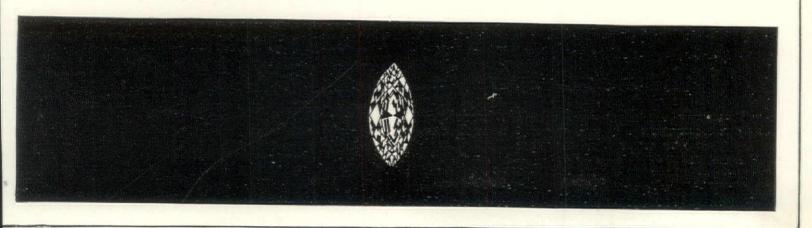


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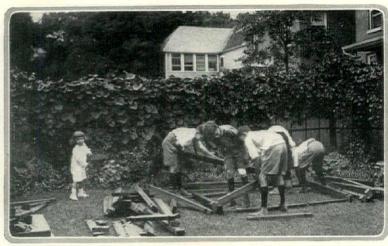
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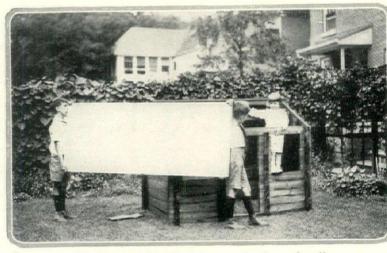
The knock-down portable house that children themselves can erect comes in a box like a cut-up puzzle and the youngsters put the pieces together. This shows the first notched timbers being laid down

#### THE PLAYHOUSE IN THE GARDEN

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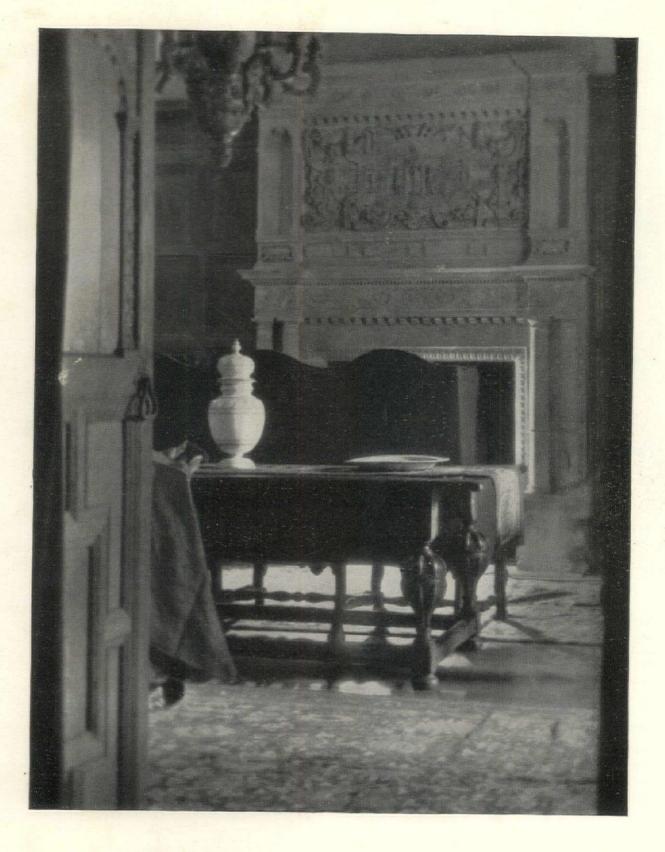
The timbers of this type of playhouse are set up in much the same way as the logs of a cabin. Doors and windows are child size



The last operation is putting on the sheets of wallboard that make the roof. These photographs are shown by courtesy of John Lloyd Wright, Inc.

space is available, that section of the garden in which it is located can be made a children's garden. There they can have their vegetable and flower plots, there they can have their first lessons in Nature—of birds and the world of green growing things. In this section can also be located the fixtures for the outdoor playground—the sandbox, the see-saw, the swing, the down-and-out and those other de-

lightful aids to juvenile enjoymen
Might we not suggest, however
that the same discipline which ough
to prevail in the care of the nurser
and indoor playthings be extende
to the playhouse and the playgarder
Make the children responsible for th
orderliness of the flower plots an
the cleanliness of the playhouse an
its grounds. Start them early, an
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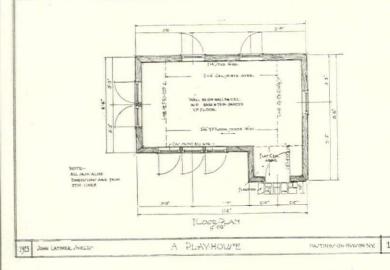
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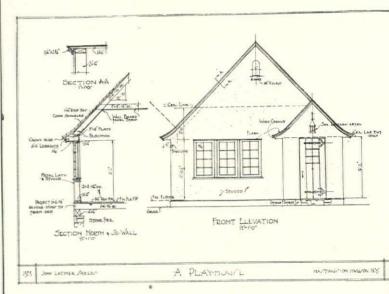
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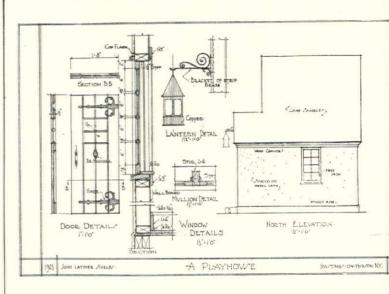
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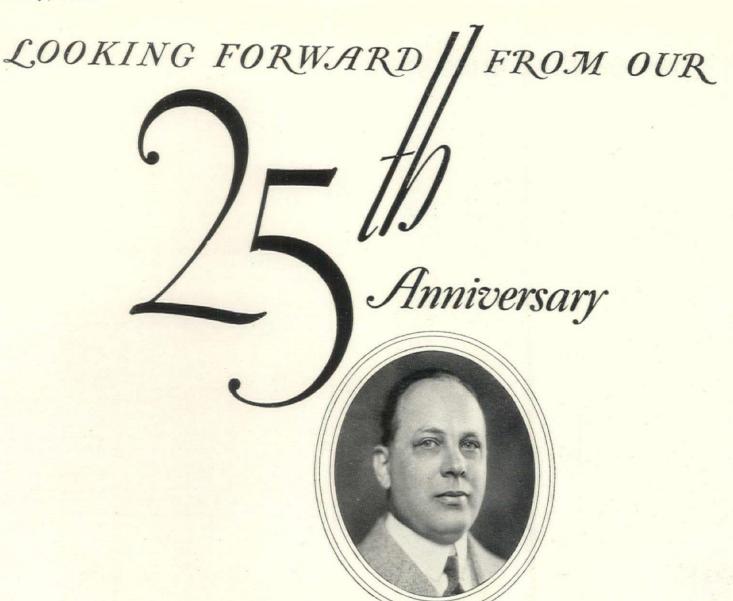
The main room floor measures six by twelve feet and the ceiling height is six feet—a really roomy little retreat



As clearly shown on page 83, the stucco playhouse has real architectural merit. It is light cream color with red-green roof



Careful attention was given to detail, for permanence as well as appearance. The door is especially interesting



### by MYRON E. FORBES, President, The Pierce Arrow Motor Car Company

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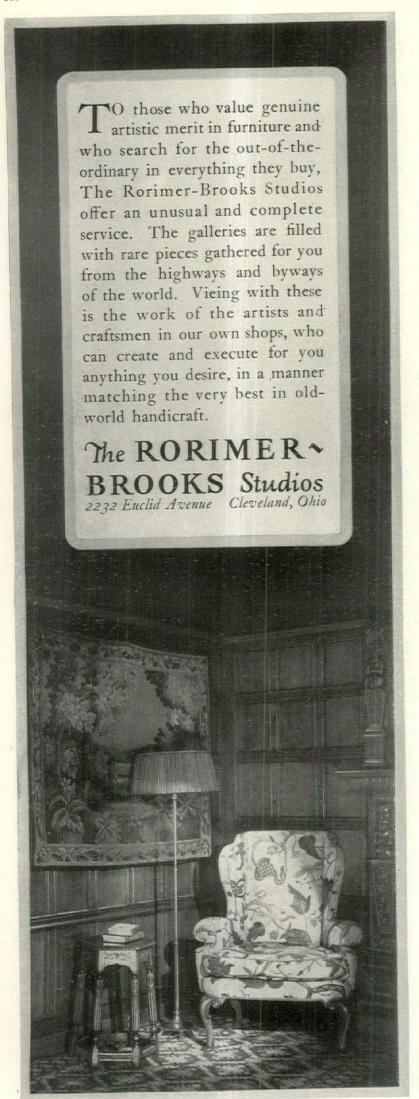
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#### THE MAKING OF A NEW ROSE

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been allowed to grow by not having made the change soon enough. Scrape off the sand and place the ball of earth containing the seed in a new pot which has been washed; cover with new roasted sand, and your seedling will again be protected from fungus. If the mulch itself commences to grow much of the green fungus, which will be readily noted by the eye, it should be changed for a new mulch.

By this method seeds can be germinated with little danger from stem rot or "damping," which is the greatest menace to seedlings, particularly in the East.

If your seeds were gathered the last of October and planted the first week in November, the little seedlings, with their two funny immature leaves, will begin to appear about the middle of December. At this period there is very little sun in the Eastern climate and the danger from the

fungus noted is very great.

#### AFTER GERMINATION

When from the center of the plant the new and real leaves commence to appear, it is time to move the pot from the mulch and to place it on a bench; but in making such change great care must be used so that the seedling is shaded from direct sun. Either curtains may be used which could be pulled across the bench above the little plant, or else newspapers placed on racks are sufficient to pro-

In California with seeds grown from outdoor pollination, which are ripened outside and which do not receive the frosts secured in the East, the percentage of germination has not only been much less but the plants themselves have been weaker. While the method described has kept them from dving off, the loss has been very much greater than in the Eastern plants handled as noted. It is felt that this small percentage of germination, and large percentage of deaths among the young seedlings, are due entirely to lack of proper ripening of the seeds. It is believed, never-theless, that indoor work gives a better percentage of pollen influence in the offspring, and that the ripening method as used in the East is superior to that used in the West, on account of the lack of frost experienced by the latter seeds during the ripening

I am arranging to have a small refrigerator built, so that I may subject my seeds to 40 degree temperatures in order to secure better germination from such ripening.

After the little seedlings commence growth, ordinary greenhouse management is all that is necessary for them. Some of them will bloom very quickly; in fact, during the first two months some little seedlings will give forth flowers which, while small, will nevertheless give a good idea of what may be expected later. Such flowers are often deficient in petalage; and eventually the variety will give a greater number of petals than is shown in the first bloom, al-

though a single flower remains single

The main point to be observed it this work is that the plants must be kept neither too wet nor too dry; an the greatest difficulty has been foun at the time when the little seedlin commences to mature to the exter where its stalk changes from the sof immature first growth to a real ster with tiny bark. Seedlings are lo during this change when the ste constricts, and the seedling eventual doubles over because the stem is no of sufficient strength to support it. must not be kept too wet, and the greatest care must be exercised watch for the green fungus. Wh young seedlings commence to be lo on account of this trouble, there seen to be no certain method of prote tion. Very light sprayings of a mi formaldehyde solution are dangerou although recommended by sor writers. The important thing seen to be to keep new coverings of d sand, which are sterilized, around t stem of the plant, and to see that it properly moist, but that the earth a the pot do not become too damp. T is the reason that a soil which give proper drainage is most necessa-Mr. Fred Howard recommends lig applications of weak manure wa at this period. These have been fou to stimulate growth.

As the plants grow larger the root systems will fill the little po and when the roots commence to : pear from the bottom of the pot a run around the sides of the ball earth, noted when the latter is moved, it is time to move them.

#### THE PARENTS' INFLUENCE

In my experiments I watch pollen parent influence to appear the seedling. If a cross has been ma with a Wichuraiana as a seed pare and an everbloomer as a pollen pare such a plant will show pollen par influence if it blooms on new wo because the Wichuraiana does bloom on wood of the current ye but only on canes which have gre during the previous season or earl Color also is an indication of poparent influence. The Hybrid parent influence. Climber, Bloomfield Exquisite, was cross between Gloire de Dijon Gruss an Teplitz. When this seed in its first stages showed pink flow it was at once put down to the fact it had received characteristics for its pollen parent.

In kinds that bloom on wood of current year, it is very easy to m quick tests of the value of the flow Whether inside or outside, buds f such seedlings may be taken and pla in large plants, and in six weeks s buds will produce bloom; and i therefore easy to determine whe the flower is of sufficient value further trial. In such budding large plants always use wood of current year's growth.

For propagation of the young s lings, I believe that the majority do best if budded to a strong ste for unless the experiments have (Continued on page 114)



IT glows with the beauty of flower-bordered paths, this chintz with its clustered roses, dahlias and verbenas. And it has the warm gay tints and mellow tones so admired in the chintz of other days.

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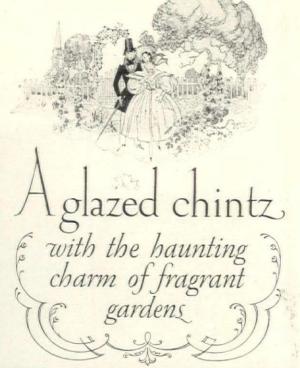
Early in the 1600's the East India Companies began importing "chints" into Europe, and they met with unusual success. In England the Queen herself had a beginning with "chints from Masslapatan on the coast of Coromandel," and there were instances where all the draperies and coverings of a room were of chintz and the

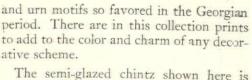
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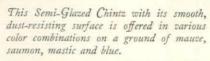
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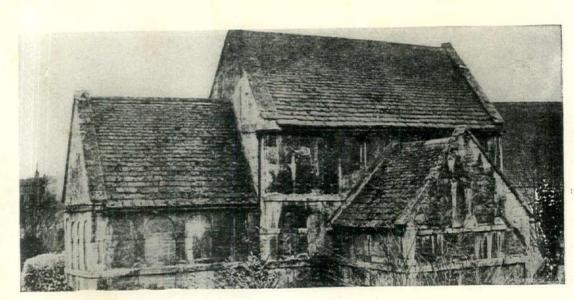
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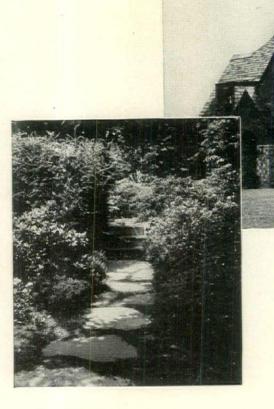
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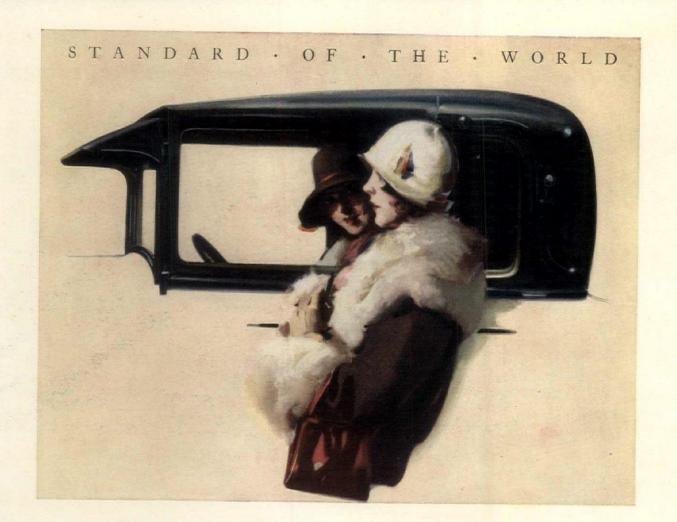
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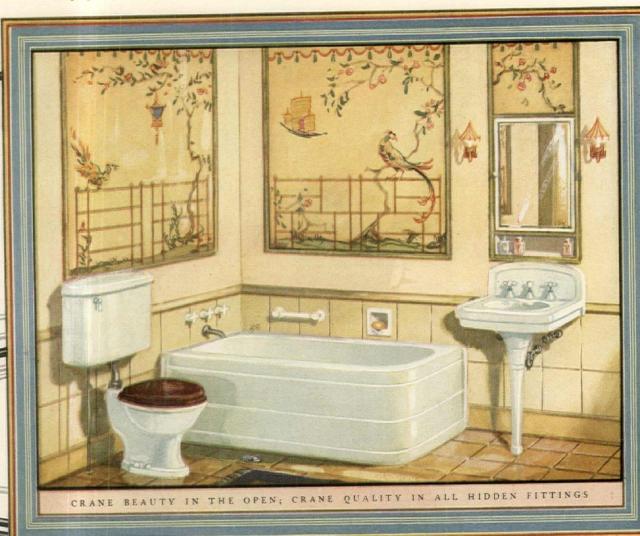
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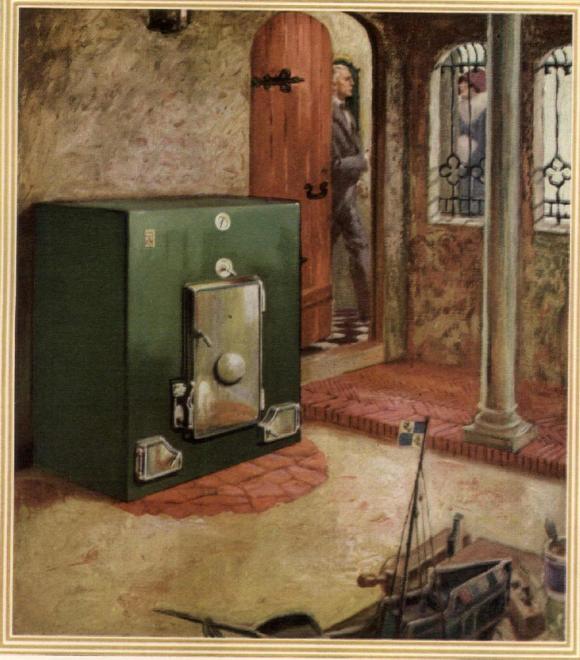
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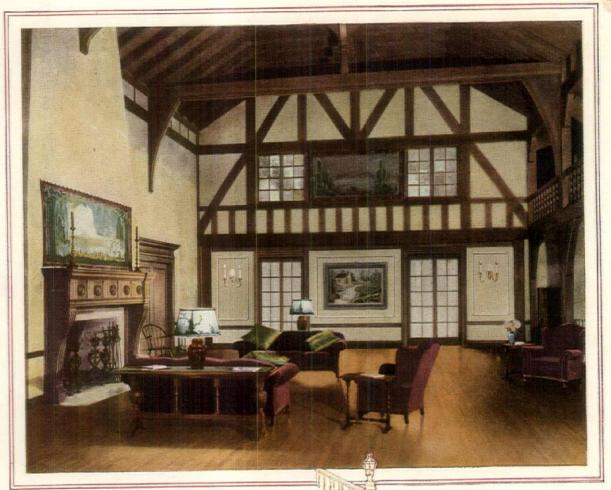
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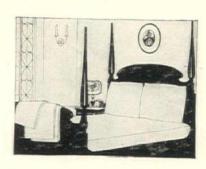
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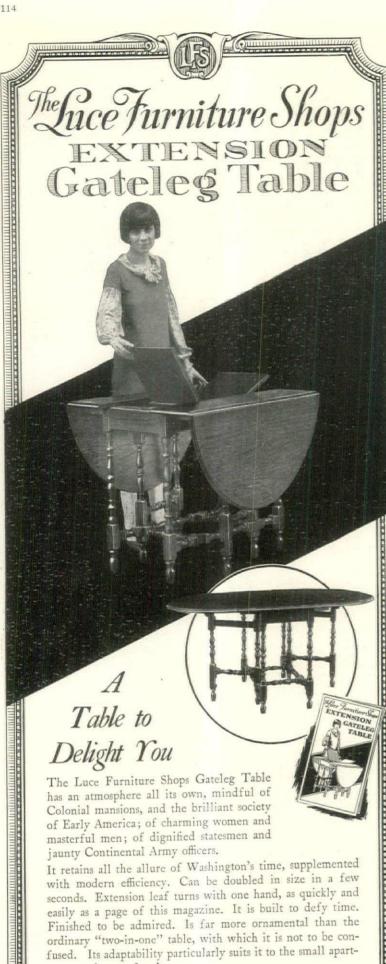
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Roses, such as Climbers or other species, many of these little plants will take a long time to become established from cuttings, whereas quick results may be obtained by budding.

It is therefore advisable to secure Rose stocks early in the spring; to plant in nursery rows; give ordinary cultivation, and in August or September when the flowing sap makes it easy to slip the bark for budding, wood may be taken from the seedlings and budded to the stocks.

There is a great field for original research not only in the ripening of the seed, but also in the care of the little plants. Other interesting experimentation may be made in the propagation and handling of the seedlings themselves; but I do not feel that any plants should be kept which have foliage troubles, or which do not show absolute and distinct individuality. It is advised that the seed parents be selected with some definite purpose in view; that this be gradually worked out, and that only such seedlings as show improvement in the direction desired be retained.

At the present time the Rose world is swamped with many inferior and worthless seedlings. While it is true that we are indebted for our p remarkably finished and dive Rose list to the new Roses which pear, nevertheless entirely too new varieties are put on the n which are not distinct and which little value for general garder tivation. However, there is no ble question but that many thing be accomplished in Rose breeding that within the next few years will be seen many distinct and u productions.

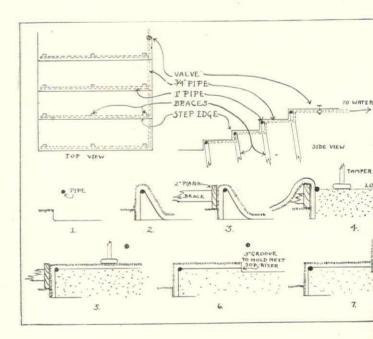
It is my belief that more ple may be obtained from experin tion in the making of new va than in any other branch of Ros tivation; and, of course, this a with equal force to other kin plants, fruits and vegetables.

It is hoped that the matter forth herein will prove of inter amateur gardeners, and will ence them to attempt this most faing and profitable field of wor should again be emphasized that experimentation is not difficul provides boundless possibilitie home experimentation which n carried on during the winter in climates with heavy frost who side work is at a standstill.

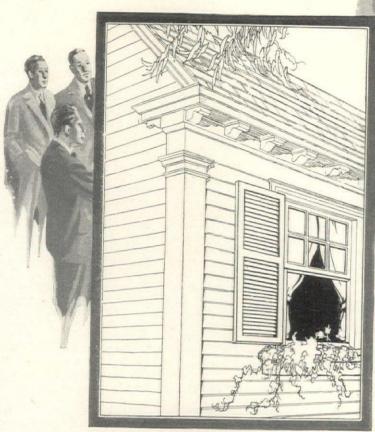
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scrupulously excluded, of course, and a periodical soil enrichment will be of benefit if it is provided in the form of a light top-dressing with special lawn fertilizer. Should moles put in an appearance prompt measures must be taken to eradicate them, as their activities will be particularly harmful in that they will tend to break down the tread edges. Once the mar have been trapped or driver the ridges they have made of flattened with the back of a Each spring, too, as soon as the is out and before the steps ar to any extent, the spade can l ployed to advantage in comp



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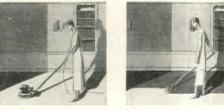


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#### GARDEN FEATURES IN OUR TROP

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or November. This also applies to other Ferns, including the Boston Fern, which is a native of the Coconut Grove section of southern Florida. Bulbous plants, such as Lilies, Gloxinias, Calla Lilies and Gladioli may be planted any time from November to

Lawns are planted in the fall, using Bermuda grass for the high pine lands and St. Augustine grass for soil that is close to the salt water. In many instances other Clover-like growth is being used with unusual success as a substitute for grass. As elsewhere, the need of artificial enrichment of the soil is a matter of local conditions, always to be considered.

It would require many books to describe the full possibilities of this land where Orchids grow out-of-doors on trees, hothouse Lilies grow in open air pools, where Maidenhair Fern is used as a border plant and many of the tenderest flowers grow apparently

without care or cultivation.

#### ARCHITECTURE IN GARDENS

The architecture of Florida has taken on that Old World atmosphere with line and exotic color fitting into the tropic garden setting. Soft toned tile roofs, patios, pergolas, pools and plazas borrowed from the little villages of southern Europe, all have their places in the mosaic of color.

Here one finds a stuccoed bit of wall with a swinging gate, blue of the sky, tempting one to trespass into gardens beyond. A seat beside a Lily pool invites one to the luxury of laziness as the eye is caught by the slow dripping from a nearby fountain of sunlit drops into a pool in whose corner may be cuddled Lily pads, with two or three blossoms reaching up-wards on long stalks. They are a vivid blue, as of the Gulf Stream on a day of sunshine, petals tipped with vellow as though they had caught and held a sunbeam. And along the edge may grow feathery clusters of Papyrus, strayed far from its Egyptian home.

All of southern Florida is an inspiration to lovers of garden lore. Here are found some of the most interesting and intensive little garden clubs in the country, whose meetings are held out-of-doors in the gardens of their members. Demonstrations are given with detailed instructions as to the culture of the varied growth suitable to this climate and setting, never forgetting the artistic effects of grouping the right colors to serve as background.

In one such garden near Miami,

which has been cultivated by Lula McLendon of that city, ma found set amid tropical Palms t old friendly varieties of our gr mothers' gardens - Lantanas, Larkspur and Calendulas, keeping communion with such neighbors as dering Candytuft, Chrysanthem Scabiosas, Ageratums and Sweet liam. Here too are found old fr among the Carnations, Petunias, and scarlet Salvia, Asters and d Blue Lace Flowers. In this garde now counted twenty-two varietie annuals with plans for the planting many more for another season.

This ambitious gardener was last season that Hollyhocks woul grow in this section of Flo Woman-like, she immediately w Hollyhocks in her kitchen garder in a few months proved the fa with a group of stalks that mea more than twelve feet in height

The gardening possibilities have yet been more than touched in part of the State. Strange plants been brought here from far cou and most of them have taken to soil and climate as though they their own. Here the delicate C may be tacked to the branch of and, left alone without further produce its delicate blossom.

#### TAMING THE WILD FLOWER

Planting here is still in the e mental stage. One of the mo teresting phases is that of the cu tion of flowers and shrubbery the woods transplanted to a care tended garden. Interesting adveof this kind have been indulged F. E. Betheuser, well known culturist of the estate of Mr. and Arthur Curtis James in Co Grove, where low growing wild tana has been cultivated to a heigh from four to five feet, bloc luxuriously.

The sunken garden too, has p unusually successful and has conmany a yawning hole into a g where fairies may dance by the of the moon. In one I know young Pine stands guard, flanked row of tall Yuccas, "Spanish net," with their clustered flower In this odd-shaped bowl is a r colors mingled-dwarf Poince Coleus, Crotons, Alamanda an Palm, Phoenix sylvestris. And background to this wealth of g is the tall Florida Pine tree, rea long arms into the sky, lending spare length of trunk as suppovines whose flowers may be of a







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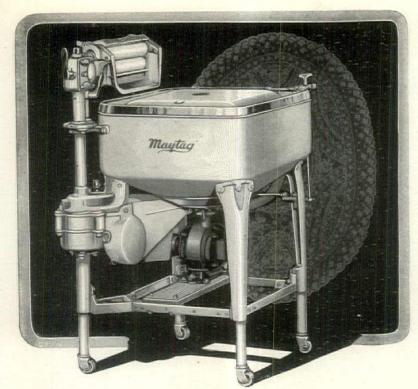
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#### PECANS AND OTHER NUT. TREE

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regions of Europe and Asia and likewise in this country, especially in California. No other nut tree is so much appreciated as a producer of food in temperate lands. An important de sideratum is a type of this Walnut which would be perfectly hardy in northern New England. A few trees are known in Massachusetts but properly speaking the species is not hardy here. From the colder parts of western China I sent seeds in the hope of securing a perfectly hardy type, but I am not sanguine.

The common Walnut is one of the noblest of northern trees. At its best it grows a hundred feet tall with a broad, rounded crown of massive branches and a bold, often gnarled, trunk fully twenty feet in girth. Through long and wide cultivation many varieties have originated and the nuts vary much in size, shape, sculpturing and thickness of shell. The most superior kinds have a thin shell and measure 2½ inches. By careful selection even greater improvement may result.

#### JAPANESE AND BLACK WALNUTS

From the viewpoint of nuts, the next important Walnut is the Japanese J. Sieboldiana, known as Kurume, and distributed from south Japan to the bitterly cold regions of central Hokkaido. The Kurume is a much smaller tree than its European relative with the fruit in long racemes and ovoid or globose nuts, rounded at the base and pointed at the apex, very slightly wrinkled and pitted, not ribbed, and rather thick-shelled. Much cultivated in central Japan is the variety cordiformis, characterized by its heart-shaped, much flattened, sharply two-edged nut which is smooth and rather thin-shelled. Raised from seed the var. cordiformis cannot be depended upon to come true, for many revert to the wild type. In this country the best results in Walnut growing will probably be obtained by hybridizing J. regia with the Japanese J. Sieboldiana and its variety cordiformis, which are hardier; the importance of this fact cannot be overestimated.

The Black Walnut (J. nigra) is a magnificent tree producing valuable timber, but its nut is small, has a very hard shell, and is of little economic value. The Texan Walnut (J. rupestris) is a tree of quite moderate size and bears small nuts of no particular use. The two Californian Walnuts (J. californica and J. Hindsii) are large trees but their fruits are poor.

The other species of Juglans to be considered are best classed as Butternuts, and the best known and most valuable is the American J. cinerea. This is a tree occasionally 100 feet tall and ten feet in girth of trunk with a broad, round-topped crown bearing the ovoid, pointed, 8-ribbed nuts with thick shells but sweet flesh. The Chinese J. cathayensis is a bush or slender tree with a small, very rough nut of no particular value. The Manchurian J. mandshurica rivals the American Butternut in size and the nut shows a decided approach to that of the true Walnuts. The shell is very

thick and the flesh limited in quan-

The most famous and oldest cu vated nut tree native of this countr the Pecan (Carya pecan), which ceeds all other Hickories in size; in alluvial soils trees 175 feet tall by teen feet in girth of trunk often oc In the Arnold Arboretum there is healthy young Pecan tree which is of our proudest possessions, for hardiness is a surprise to us. In connection it seems necessary to phasize the fact that the Pecan southern tree which cannot be expe to be hardy in the cold north States. There is a wide region in country where Pecans can be succ fully grown, but it is not New I land nor any of the cold northern middle-west States. If intending growers will properly appreciate fact they will be saved money and appointment. Pecan nuts are vari in size, and the best forms are al 21/2 inches long and 1 inch broad have a thin red-brown shell an sweet-flavored reddish-brown ker They are borne in clusters of f three to twelve. Each is conta within a thin, brittle, dark brown angled husk.

The next Hickory in important the Shagbark (C. ovata) distinguiby its thin-shelled nut, its leaves five, rarely seven, leaflets, its s bark, and other less obvious charac It is a northern tree, being distrib from the neighborhood of Mont southward. There are several vari distinguished by the shape of t leaves or fruit; in the typical form fruit is short-oblong to sub-glo and depressed at the apex. Of Hickory there are a number of sele forms valued for the size and qua of their nuts. Of : uch potential v is C. Laneyi, a natural hybrid betw the Bitternut (C. cordiformis) and ovata, which has a nut with the shell of the Bitternut and the la sweet kernel of the Shagbark. shell is very thin the kernel larger t usually produced by the Shagbark

A third species of Carya is C. Iniosa, the Kingnut or Big Shellb This is essentially a tree of the cen States where it exceeds 100 feet height by ten feet in girth of tru The fruit is solitary or in pairs, altwo inches long with a hard, we shell; the nut is compressed, 4-to ridged with a bony shell and a sl brown, sweet kernel.

#### RAISING HICKORIES AND PECAN

Hickories and Pecans are ex raised from seeds, but the seedlings velop long, thick tap-roots and in sequence are difficult to transpi The best plan is to sow the nuts leave the seedlings to develop in The better varieties are increased grafting and budding and old can be headed back and top worke a satisfactory manner. In the n the propagation is more difficult, yearly it is becoming better unders and in time will probably become easy as that of the Apple and Pe The Pecan industry is well establi in the warmer States but it can n

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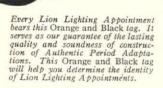
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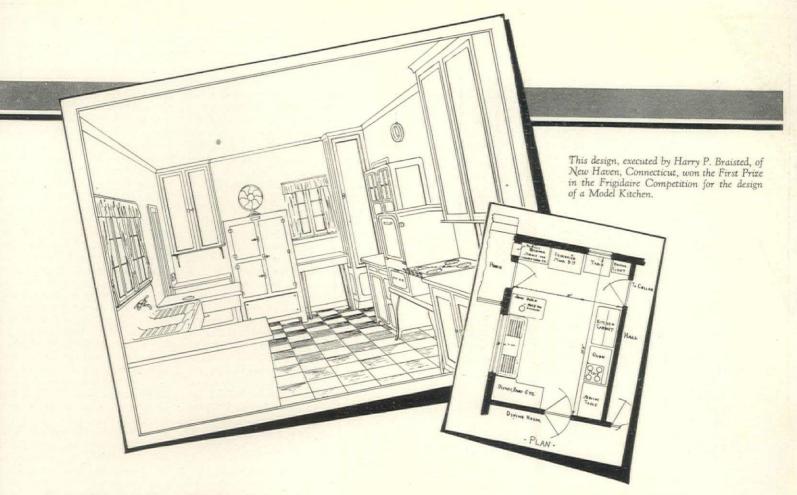
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become profitable in New England nor in the colder parts of this country.

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The fruit of all the Chestnuts is edible. The European (Castanea sativa) is the best known and the most famous but unfortunately it is not hardy in the colder parts of this country. It is much cultivated in Italy, Spain and France, where the nut is a staple article of food. This Chestnut is often 100 feet tall and twenty feet in girth of trunk, with a wide-spreading crown of massive branches. The nuts are usually three in each spiny, round husk, occasionally more, sometimes one only. There are many garden varieties and some with a very large nut are grown in Madeira.

Rivaling the European species in size of nut is the Japanese C. crenata, widespread in Japan and in Korea. It is not a very large tree but some of the named sorts like Tamba or Mammoth have huge nuts, though the flavor is rather inferior. The type and the best known varieties have been introduced into this country. The trees grow rapidly and fruit at a comparatively early age; it is regrettable that they are not more disease resistant.

#### OTHER ASIATIC CHESTNUTS

More valuable is a Chinese Chestrut (C. mollissima) with a rather smaller nut than those of the preceding species but sweet and of excellent flavor. It is a tree of moderate size, widely distributed in China from east to west and cultivated in Korea. Though sub-ject to Chestnut blight in the Orient, this species seems to be nearly immune in this country, and this combined with its hardiness makes it a most useful tree for breeding purposes here. The largest of the Asiatic Chestnuts is C. Henryana, which is occasionally 100 feet tall and eighteen feet in girth of trunk and is characterized by having normally a solitary, ovoid nut in each spiny husk. The leaves are smooth, without glands, and the lateral nerves project beyond the margin in long, hair-like points; the petioles and shoots are quite smooth and dark colored. The nut, through small, is very sweet and of most excellent

A passing word is due the American Chinquapin or Shrubby Chestnut (C. pumila), a bush or small tree which bears usually in each husk a single nut, small, sweet and good to eat. This species in the hands of the hybridist may be the progenitor of a race of Bush Chestnuts bearing fruits as large as the European and Japanese kinds, hardy and as sweet in flavor as the Chinese.

The genus Corylus, which yields the Hazel-nuts, is spread throughout the northern Hemisphere. Some twelve species are known, three of them (C. colurna, C. Jacquemontii, and C. chinensis) large trees. The others are best described as large bushes though occasionally they form small trees. The Oriental C. chinensis is a very large tree and I have a vivid recollection of one giant, growing in central China, fully 120 feet tall and eighteen feet in girth of trunk, with a broad, oval crown. For orchard cul-

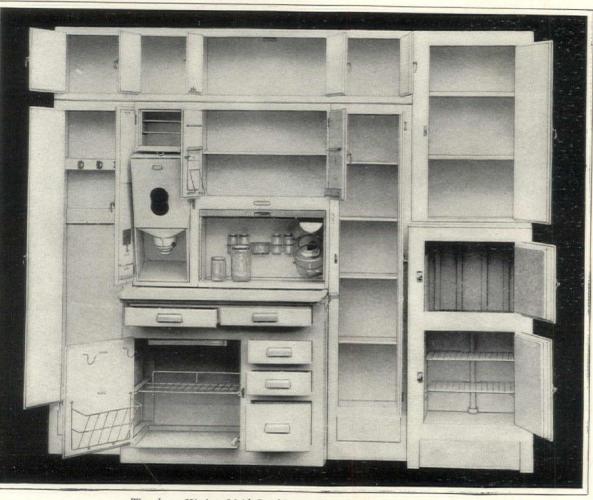
ture the European C. avellana o has so far received attention. Thi much grown in Italy, Spain, Fra and the county of Kent in Engla but the bulk of the nuts in comme are shipped from the Spanish port Barcelona-hence the name Barcelo nut. A number of varieties are gro and in France the better kinds called Avelenes. The best sorts known as Full-beards or Filberts Cob-nuts. The first-named have long nut enclosed within the lo tubular husk which is contracted ab the apex of the nut. There are seve forms differing in the shape of the and the relative length of their hu The red and white Filberts are sim in external appearance but in former the pellicle which covers kernel is red, in the latter pale g brown. According to the books Filbert was first known from Po on the Asia Minor shores of the B Sea, and was known to the and Greeks as Nux pontica. The Cobare short and roundish and have t shells, the most familiar being Barcelona nuts of commerce. A f as the Kentish Cob. Some cons that the Cob-nuts belong to a sepa species known as C. pontica, but seems to be doubtful. Another Ed pean species (C. maxima) is a la shrub confined to southern Europe has a husk contracted above the a of the nut into a short tube. A re view is that the Filberts are hyb between this and C. avellana.

Of the three American Hazel-C. rostrata is most widely spread. a bush of moderate height product suckers freely; the husk completencloses the nut and is contracted yond into a long tube. Another specification of the contracted yond into a long tube. Another specification of the contracted yond into a long tube. Another specification of the contracted yond into a long tube. Another specification of the remaining species (C. american has a roundish nut contained in open husk with jagged, almost frim margins and is a broad shrub, five to twelve feet tall, distrib from New England southward. The native species of Hazel-nut have neglected and ought to be taken hand for orchard culture.

#### THE BRUSH HAZELS

The two bush Hazels of eas Asia (C. heterophylla and C. Siebiana), each of which has sev recognized varieties, are worthy passing notice. Both are hardy will some day play a part in Amer nut culture. The first has leaves vari in shape, as its name indicates, and equally variable husk which is lace ated and often crested but open at summit, exposing the roundish, th shelled nut. It is a low bush, sele more than six feet high and usu less, which suckers freely. In C it is represented by the vari sutchuenensis and yunnanensis ware large bushes often twenty feet and differ in technical charac The other species (C. Sieboldiana) sembles the American C. rostrata that the husk completely encloses nut and, moreover, is contracted a the apex into a narrow tube.

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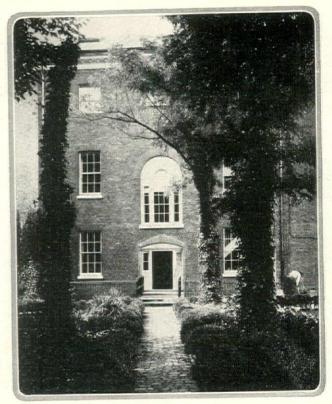
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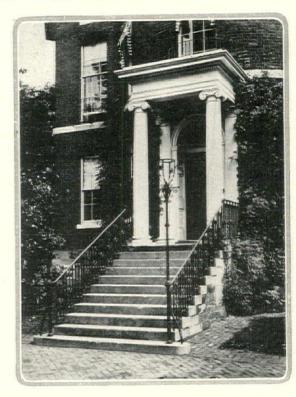
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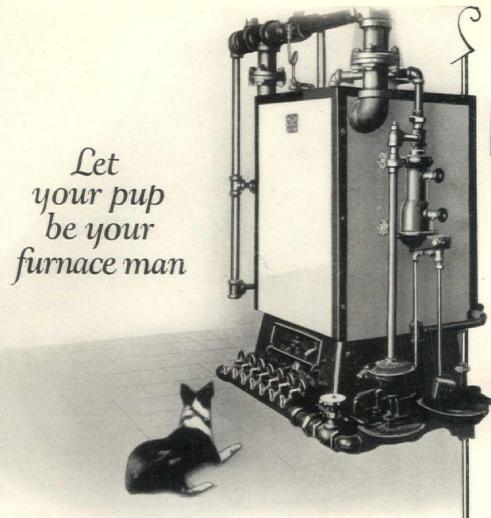
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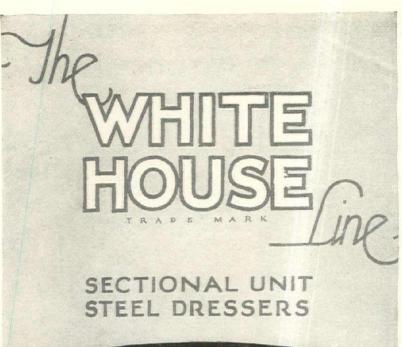
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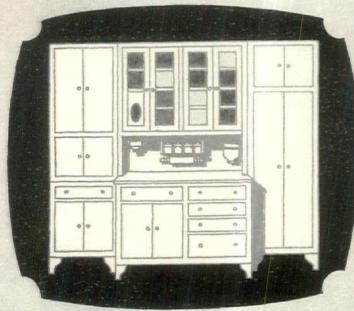
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#### TOWN BETTERMEN

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care of our survivals. Much of this agitation and collection work has been done by women in and out of these organizations.

Before the Civil War, Mt. Vernon was in sad state, falling to pieces and being sought by speculators, when a South Carolina lady, Miss Cunningham, started the preservation agitation and, aided particularly by Edward Everett of Massachusetts, worked for years to carry the project through. In due time, by 1859, the purchase money was in hand and the old building with a considerable piece of land was paid for, put in order, gradually furnished and permanent upkeep pro-yided for. When in Washington for a few days, who would forego the satisfaction of a visit to this old place? Aside from the association with George Washington, the accurate picture of 18th Century plantation life is a highly valuable lesson in social history.

Only lately, at Fredericksburg, Va., when Kenmore mansion was about to be torn down and the site used for bungalow improvements, the women of the town formed an association, planned and carried through the movement which has resulted in the purchase of the old house and the turning of it to a local museum.

"Monticello," Thomas Jefferson's

"Monticello," Thomas Jefferson's old home is now being collected for. Here the historic and the aesthetic share equally. This old place and its lands would be well worth preserving as a park, even without Jeffersonian tradition. The formation of the Memorial Foundation, and the pub-

licity given the purchase effo made it a national undertaking

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Our national parks are bei moted and are growing in Why may not some of these pa be located along our eastern ways, and combine the interes waterside, and early Colonial Many of us know the attrac the Magnolia Gardens at the place, on the Ashley River, ba Charleston. Picture an exten plication of this idea and, for a waterside parkway down th River, widening out at is and taking in such old po "Ampthill," "Wilton," "Br "Westover," "Berkeley" and "S Grand trees and long mature ing are found about each of there would ever be much mothan house. Many of these ol are constantly changing hands, now and then vacant and but ately cared for. Shifting owner vacancy invite dilapidation a It is urgent for us of t

It is urgent for us of t further and increase conservativities, both natural and h Mountains, streams and woodl more hardy than old building latter are fragile, their existe carious, and once vanished, cabe replaced.

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#### MEN in the GARDENER'S CALENI

THE portraits this month in the Gardener's Calendar (page 96) are of men whose work along horticultural and botanical lines was fundamental and of unique interest and value to garden enthusiasts of the present day. Their service merits more than passing notice.

To Linnaeus we owe the origin of modern methods of plant and animal nomenclature—an appallingly great subject even when approached from the binomial system which he was the first to employ. His world-wide fame, built largely during the years from 1742 to 1778 when he was at once teacher, student and author, persists today in many different phases of natural history.

Like Linnaeus, Dr. John Hall was a medico with decided botanical leanings. Little of record is left of his work in this direction, but indications of it are found in his A Poesie in the Forme of a Vision (1563) from which we quote a quatrain:

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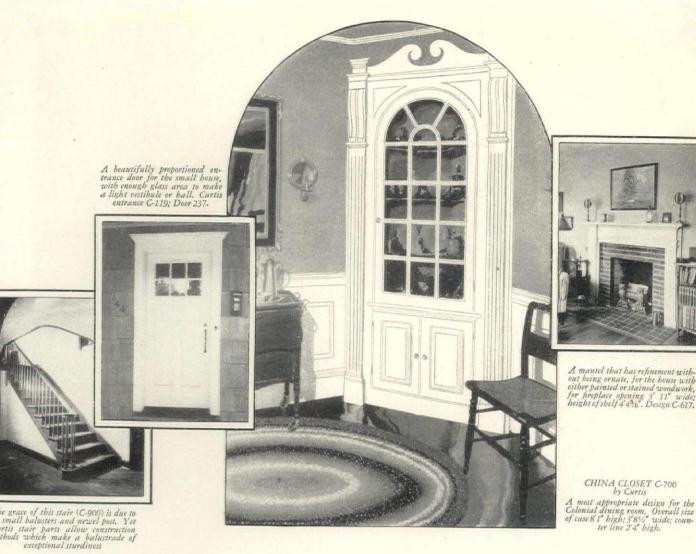
Dr. Hall's literary career commenced and ended with books of poetry, but in the interim he upheld the traditions of his professional calling with various writings. Perhaps his best known work of this character was his An Historiall Expostulation against the heastlye abusers, both of Chyrurgerie

and Physyke, in our time. This lished in 1565, at the end of h lation of Lanfranc's Chirugia

The third of the worth students whose portraits appea issue, Antoine Laurent de Juss the nephew of three brothers whom rendered notable servic cause of botany—Antoine de professor, author and collecte nard, at one time superinten the Petit-Trianon gardens; and who, among other contribut herticulture, introduced the He into France.

This young man began his bestudies when only seventeens, the direction of his uncle of Four years later he was appeared in the Jardin and immediately began to rethe plants in that famous conformed the plants in that famous conformed the plants in the famous conformed the plant of the tirelessly to develop his the what plant classification should when his Genera Plantarum finguaged in 1789 it firmly established that the natural system true basis for botanical classifications and the peared in 1789 it firmly established that the natural system true basis for botanical classifications are the peared in 1789 it firmly established that the natural system true basis for botanical classification classifications are the peared in 1789 it firmly established that the natural system true basis for botanical classifications are the peared in 1789 it firmly established that the natural system true basis for botanical classifications are the peared in 1789 it firmly established that the natural system true basis for botanical classifications are the peared in 1789 it firmly established that the natural system true basis for botanical classifications are the peared in 1789 it firmly established that the natural system true basis for botanical classifications are the peared in 1789 it firmly established that the natural system true basis for botanical classification are the peared in 1789 it firmly established that the natural system true basis for botanical classification are the peared in 1789 it firmly established that the natural system true basis for botanical classification are the peared in 1789 it firmly established that the natural system true basis for botanical classification are the peared in 1789 it firmly established that the natural system true basis for botanical classification are the peared in 1789 it firmly established that the natural system true basis for botanical classification are the peared in 1789 it firmly established the peared in 1789 it firmly established the peared in 1789 it firmly established t

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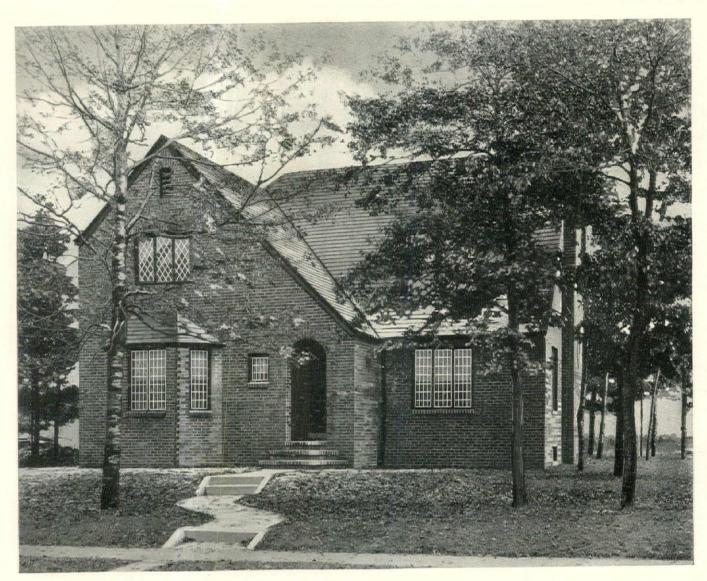
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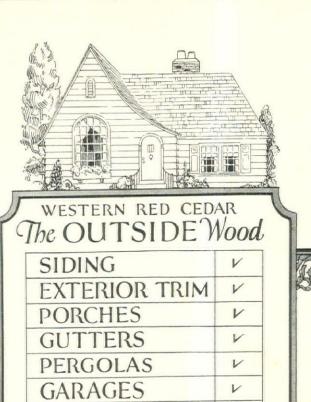
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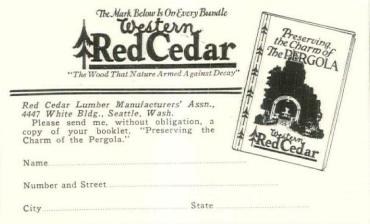
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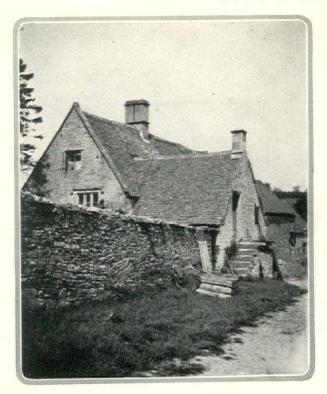
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sources of material—Normandy, Flanders, the Cotswolds, the Mediterranean—were just children of the soil, with no thought that their native charm would some day set them up as styles to be followed from Maine to California, regardless of the conditions which originally created them.

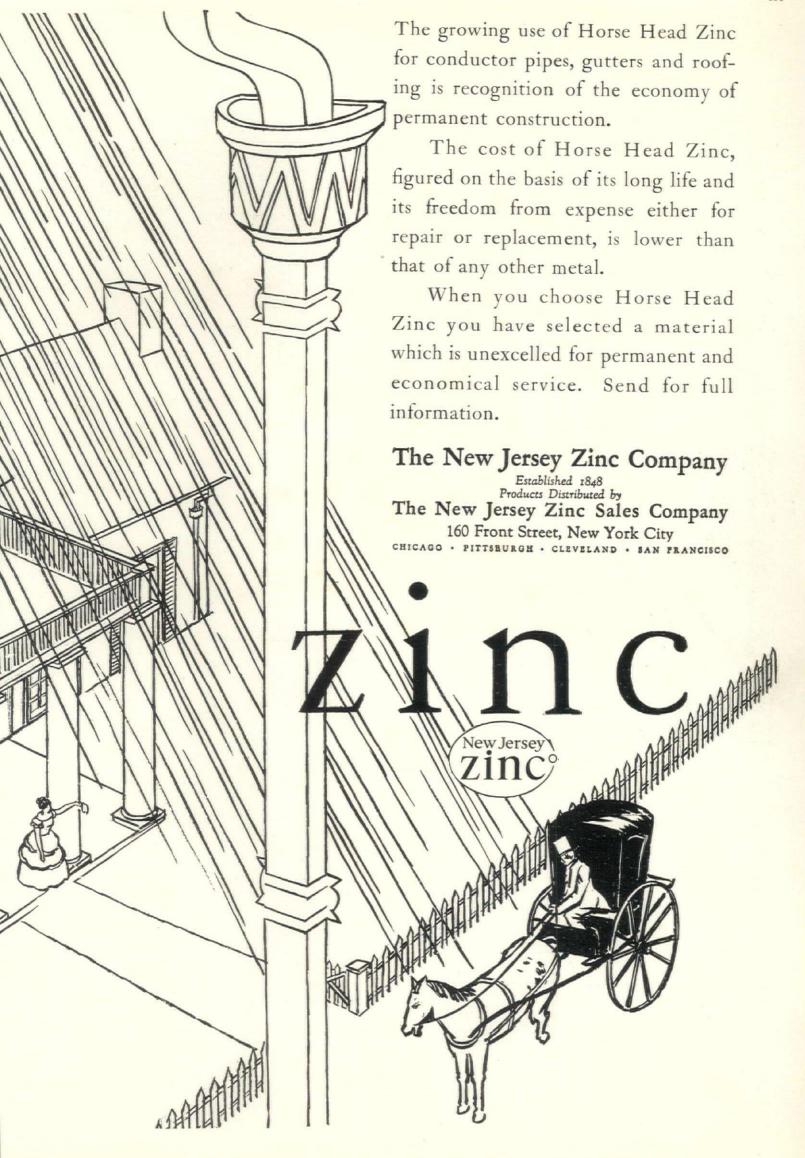
The development of the Georgian small houses, on the other hand, was stimulated by a very cultured, artistic perception of what could be done with the architecture of another previous superb period. Yet all—the Georgian and those other small housesalike in that each was authentic. Each was the first flowering of its seed, the fresh and unadulterated strain. Which brings us to the point of this whole discussion: that until we have developed an authentic "style" of our own period, until we are forced by the circumstances of existence into building our own small houses by modern methods, of, say, such "modern" materials as steel and glass and concrete, our best course must be to preserve the traditions of the past.

The few original models shown here have set the fashion for a great many of the small houses being built today. Early American houses have set the fashion for the rest; the latter forming a tradition quite as splendid for us as the European one, and one that is much easier to follow because the evidence of it is so close at hand. But the small houses of the Colonial times and of the young Republic are another story, even though the reasons are the same why their traditions should also be preserved.

Now, if these small houses from England and France especially, and from other parts of Western and Northern Europe only in less degree,

have given us the styles for so of our small house architectuseems a pity that we should enjo a very faint fragrance of them build our small houses too often out consulting the originalsmuch like painting from a pinstead of from real life, as pa from a picture that has in turn painted from still another pictur so on indefinitely, until all the sp essence of the original has been the process. There can be no de that many of our present small are travesties. They attempt something of which they haven slightest conception. Though t not to say that styles should r altered at will, if the altering is with skill and sympathy. The to keep is the essential spirit of houses that formed the style in we want to build. As long as v depending upon the originals fe style they created and which w fortunate enough to be able to u should consult them as nearly a sible at first hand. When we wa build a Georgian small hous something in the fashion of a mandy manoir, or a cottage i Cotswold manner, let us look fi all, hard and long, at the earl amples. If we have chosen a part style because of a certain fondne its particular charm, a close acq ance with its fine originals wil only turn our fondness into a affection but will give us a clea of the spirit in which it was cone If we are aware of this vital for our own home, regardless o adaptation that must be made to into a different scheme of exis will contain the glow of its trac

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Half timber work was wonderfully developed in France and Germany, but it flowered to perfection in England, where it is seen here in an excellent example of this much abused manner

#### WHENCE SMALL HOUSES COM

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This glow, then, is more important than are the practical matters that attend the building of the modern small house. We build differently now, in many respects, than in the time of these originals, our choice of materials is infinitely larger. It is unnecessary to force the issue by using the antique methods of building or by

going to great lengths to dupli the materials. That is the muse idea. If we are fond enough of familiar enough with the originals cannot wander far away from spirit they express by building na rally in the terms of our locality our times. The tradition is the thi let us keep it from decaying.

#### SOII GARDEN HOW IS YOUR

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The trouble with it is that it is not generally as rich in food value as it looks. As a rule it is improved by admixture of both the sand and clay types to give it physical substance and chemical worth. Carrying on the nutrimentary figure of speech, one might liken pure leaf-mold to whipped cream which provides its consumer with considerably greater mile-age when used as a condiment for oatmeal than when absorbed by itself.

All things considered, the ideal soil for nine plants out of ten is compounded of all three of the foregoing extremes—sand, clay and humus. It should be light or "friable" enough to dig and cultivate easily, possess sufficient body so that it does not grow powder-dry under a few hours' sunlight, contain and retain plenty of plant food, and not be so heavy or mucky that it bakes out hard in dry weather or forms thick clods when wet. A glance at the drawing in the center of page 91 will help you visualize its consistency; it is the panel at the right, following the sand, clay and humus delineations.

Garden soils as a rule are likely suffer from too little rather than much humus, so that the problem comes one of adding this need material sometimes in consider quality. One of the most satisfact ways of accomplishing such an en to incorporate rotted or rotting p matter with the soil-dead lea grass clippings, actual leaf-m "commercial humus," or, best of old stable or barnyard manure which is mixed a good proportion straw or leaf bedding. If such terial be spread evenly over the face in the fall, dug under wit spading fork and allowed to di tegrate through the winter, spi will find it in condition to do its l One more thought to close

necessarily brief résumé: Look u the soil in your garden as a dir table at which many guests sit de for a hearty meal. You do not i to be a lusty trencherman yoursel appreciate the hospitality of g food served right and enjoyed a pleasant table from comfortable, stantial chairs.





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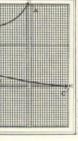
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#### Flushtype Operator

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Flush Operator works e same simple, effecprinciple as the surtype, shown above, but is countersunk flush window stool, thus ating the cutting of n frame. This permits metal frame screens sut filler-strips and s no hardware prog inside the screen.



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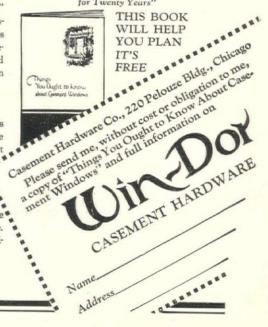
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RUNDAMENTALLY, wiring for radio is governed by the same principles as any other kind of wiring, but of course there are special cases to be considered.

There are two distinct methods of running a radio set. One is by plugging-in to your electric circuit, the

running a radio set. One is by plugging-in to your electric circuit, the other by a system of batteries alone. If you have alternating current (AC) you can, at present, have a battery eliminator and thereby do away with the batteries as current furnishers. In this case you must tell the radio dealer what section of the country you live in, so that he will know the cycles of the current. As yet there is no satisfactory device to eliminate batteries if you have direct current (DC).

Broadcast signals may be received by the use of the loop or the outside antennae. This depends upon the type of set and whether distant or local stations are desired. With the loop set you need no external wires except those leading from the set to the loud speaker or loud speakers. In these cases, the wires must be properly insulated and firmly connected. With the antennae there is, of course, much careful wiring to be done. In placing the outside antennae, you must know the direction of the chief radio stations from which you wish to receive, for if they happen to lie north and south you will not get as good reception if your antennae lies east and west. Therefore, the flat top wire, the one strung from pole to pole, should be strung from north to south and be made of copper wire insulated at the points of support. The lead (pronounced leed) wire connecting the antennae to the radio set itself should be of stranded wire, and as it is led down from the roof to the radio set it should be well insulated from the side of the house for highest efficiency, for the reason that metal in buildings tends to absorb electrical energy and thus mar radio reception. Furthermore, it is important that the antennae should be run at considerable distance from all metal objects. The supports of the antennae must be well placed with effective insulation at every point of support.

#### LIGHTNING ARRESTERS

A lightning arrester is a wise precaution. Thus equipped, the antennae itself serves as a lightning protector. We doubt if there have been more than one or two fires ascribable to radio installation. Take no chances, however.

When employing the antennac the subject of grounding to complete the circuit is varied and capricious. It is sometimes better to have an outside grounding connected with the water pipe than one leading to the radiator inside. In rainy weather the reception may be poorer than in fine weather. This is sometimes due to poor insulation in lead and in antennae circuit, so look to the wires and see what has happened. Sometimes, however, the reception is better in rainy weather. In this case, look to the wires and

search out a better grounding termi

In order to have dinner music, n ery music (!) and kitchen prograthe wiring for radio can be so ranged that there is any number loud speakers at various distances the home. Also, it can be so arran with jacks or switches that one or number can be cut out. Remote of trol is very popular, even when the is but one loud speaker, for it set to be the fashion to lose the real tion of the physical existence of set while listening to the myster emission of the program from parently nowhere at all.

In the newer houses, as in the of one that we know, the wires this remote control are placed between the walls. (This may not be feas in a steel constructed house). In same house a disk-like loud speake in the wall and supplies with ra programs to the two rooms which wall separates. This is a g economy and makes a rather lo effect, for these disks are beautif bronzed or may blend with the rounding furnishings. Wherever wires can be concealed it is of co more comfortable and more sigh and as the radio engineers delve problems of radio the more ship-sh are the installations becoming.

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ing of the loud speaker and no the wiring of the set, peculiar no are heard. This may sometimes obviated by placing the loud sper away from and not on top of radio set. However, if it is absolunecessary to set it on the radio cabiplace under the loud speaker a of sponge rubber or felt. This vition is often set up because the tare not sufficiently cushioned.

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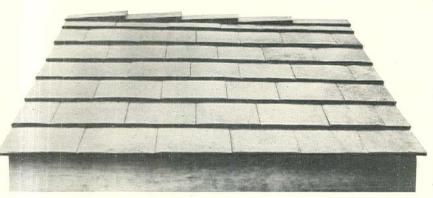
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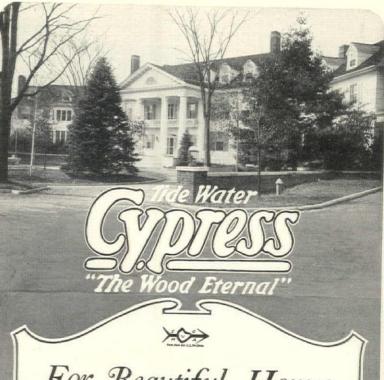
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### THE PRIMROSE AND HER COUSIN

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With all these plants it is important that they shall be kept growing strongly throughout the open season. This means constant and generous watering in dry weather. The more lush green foliage we can induce the more certain and splendid will be our reward in the spring. As I have said the thin liquid manure is their delight. But failing this just water will do. Polyanthus Primroses grow well and thrive in borders among other plants; Cowslips, too, may there be made comfortable, but Primroses and Oxlips do not like the motley crew of the herbaceous borders, nor the drought that is liable to prevail there. They are for nicely chosen places, for moist shaded banks, for secluded nooks in dampness, for meandering pathsides in shade, for the rock gar-

den. The latter region is a sa haven for all these charming plan of the spring. There it is easy enou to provide deposits of the rich a holding soil they so love, and the the drainage is sure while the lo roots may thrust down and find th way beneath the rocks to certain su plies of moisture.

It is still rare today to meet a Pri rose enthusiast in this country. I there is not now the lamentable t awareness of these flowers that or existed. A wholesome curiosity evinced in many directions; trials being essayed, successes delighted One is able to descry the faint outl of a Primrose Path stretching aw into the future. This is destin without doubt, to become a popul and joyous highway.

#### RENT OR BUY SHOULD WE

HARLAND H. ALLEN

SOCIAL workers tell us that home ownership is good for family life. Politicians and statesmen are sure that it makes for better citizenship. Chambers of commerce and other civic organizations are united in declaring that it is more economical. Banks, credit associations and business houses in general concede that the home owner is entitled to preference as a credit risk. In the face of all this it is a fact not easy to explain that approximately 54 out of every 100 families in the United States continue to live in rented homes.

Whether or not it is best to own your home or to rent it may safely be rated as one of the leading questions of our day. Practically all of the outward agitation is in favor of the ownership idea. Yet if the "silent vote" continues always in favor of the rented home, there must be some pretty deep seated reasons for making them behave that way.

The case for renting is not formulated as often as the case for home ownership. In fact, few people ever put it into words. Renting is the line of least resistance, and that no doubt accounts for a considerable share of the tenant householding. People are obliged to have shelter, yet for the great majority to own the roof over their heads requires definite planning and saving, while anyone with furniture as security, or a few dollars to deposit as rent, can hire some rooms of a landlord.

But the renter isn't necessarily a negative or a shiftless person. In fact there is very much to be said in favor of renting, under some circumstances, and quite frequently conditions are such that it is almost impossible to do otherwise. Whenever it is important to live in the heart of a great city, there is almost no other alternative to renting. The man of average means can't buy an apartment house, and building sites are valued so high that it is impossible to even think of erecting a one-family home in such regions.

Then, too, there are many posit advantages to apartment house re ing, which are not available to home owner. There is less work keeping up one's quarters in an apa ment house than to being respons for the lawn, garden and house terior that goes with a home of y own. This point is more import than it used to be when domestic h was easy to secure, and when women of the home had no other ] in life than to "housekeep" from to sun.

Unquestionably also the renter h freedom of movement which home owner does not possess. It quently makes him a better barga for employment, whether as a laborer, or the hired manager of large enterprise. It has been alr universally assumed that the man owns his house has a better hold his job. Undoubtedly he has, but the job has a better hold on I While one employer may apprec a man's stability, when he settles de and buys a home, another may him too much for granted, and salary increases and promotions other directions in order to hold fellows who aren't tied to a l investment.

The renter is not only freer to in search of employment, but his h is less of a handicap if he want travel, or wishes, for instance, move to a university community order to educate the children.

Another fact which tends to people in rented houses is the risk rather the risks, of home owners Fire is one of these hazards. while all careful people insure homes, there is always 20 percen more of the value which is not ered and would be a loss to the ov if his house burned down. Per even a greater risk than fire is that depreciation in value. An appare "good buy" this year at \$20,000 be hard to sell ten years from no

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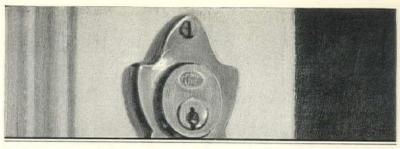
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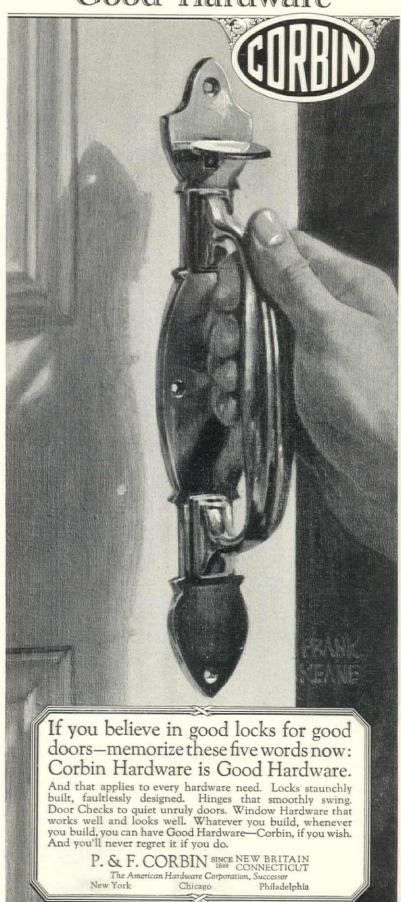
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half that figure. And this may be entirely due to a shifting of values within a city, or to a general depression and dull demand. Most of the talk about owning realty is on the side of possible profits, but doubtless a a good deal of the thought is concerned with possible losses, which explains why more don't buy.

The average householder, too, feels that he is more capable of judging what is a fair rental than a fair purchase price. Moreover, he has less to lose if he misjudges. Also the fear for a safe outcome of negotiations with a too-optimistic real estate dealer no doubt deters many a family whose head is not expert in business affairs.

Finally, among the purely personal reasons for renting, is the fact that this solution makes it easier to adjust housing costs to changes in income, or changes in the size of the family. Newly-weds will ordinarily find a ten room house a burden, even if they can afford to pay for it. A few years later the size of the family may demand that much room. And again, when the children are grown and married there will be more room than they need, and perhaps more than they ought to afford. Unquestionably renting solves the problem of adjusting the cost of housing to needs and income better than ownership ever can.

THE CASE FOR HOME OWNERSHIP

But even if the contention is made that it is "just as cheap to rent as to own," the advocates of home-ownership will assure you that you don't get the same thing for your money. It isn't, so they declare, just a problem of whether to rent or buy the roof over your head, but whether to own a home or rent a house.

To the unbiased observer, this distinction is hardly as great as that, still it must be admitted that one of the prime reasons for home ownership is the general satisfaction which goes with it. The property right to almost anything enhances our estimation of it. And this is true in a deeper, more significant sense for the place in which we live. And home ownership not only gives this satisfaction to the parents, but it has a great educative value for the children. There are no statistics to prove it, but the conviction is pretty general that children who have been raised in their own home have a much better developed sense of property rights. In other words, there is a deep cultural value to home owner-It is assumed, too, that such people are more contented with life, less critical of others, because less often called upon to blame others for their lack of comforts. It is claimed, but also disputed, that home ownership raises the standard of living. Certainly one's standard of living is under better control in a given house, if owned than if rented. It's a fair question, however, if the renter doesn't bargain with the landord for as many conveniences as he would provide for himself.

The home owner doesn't move as frequently as the renter, and this emphasizes another side of the cult advantage. His children can grov in one community. They do not to change every few years from school system to another. They the inestimable advantage of lifefriends. And beside all this, the the very material saving in mocosts.

Another advantage of home ow ship which is made much of is stimulus to saving. Of course doesn't apply to families which the money to buy a home outright it does count largely in the fina disciplining of those who need Probably six out of every ten hom the United States are now in the I ess of being paid for by some a Thus, with all tization plan. people, saving has become almost pulsory. In a few years they wil only have their residence property the training in saving which i will mean still more property on. And the very experience of ing and paying for a piece of estate gives a training in business property values which is immer valuable in other directions, not to the parents, but to the chil raised in that environment.

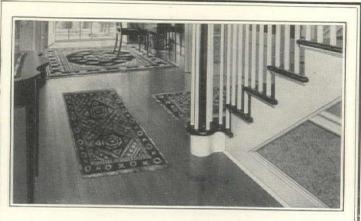
It ought to go without saying a family which owns its own I has one of the best types of insuragainst financial disaster. When place is owned free of debt, the band and father can feel pretty that, whatever might happen to his dependents will not want f place to live, at least. Even in cata a slump in business, or of being of employment for a few months home gives a feeling of security is good for the morale; and it act an equalizer of income through periods

AS TO BORROWING VALUE

Very few people like to thin mortgaging their home, once it is for, yet the fact that home owner does mean borrowing ability of considerable scale is a matter of rate importance. Real estate de make much of the fact that a bate rent receipts is very poor collate and they are right. But that isn't the man who pays himself rent, o things being equal, has a better fi cial standing in the community; he borrow better, if he wishes, wit collateral. This may not greatly duce the other expenses of living it does give one a pleasant feeling, the assurance of credit, if ne helps to keep a man in position w he does not need it.

There is a deal of significant the fact that when a family sets to invest in a home, the choice is a more likely to be a one-family h with yard and garden, than when quest is for something to rent. point is that the home buyer is emsizing the family life more, and things as convenience to work markets, less, than the renter. Per that's largely through force of cumstances—he can't so easily but

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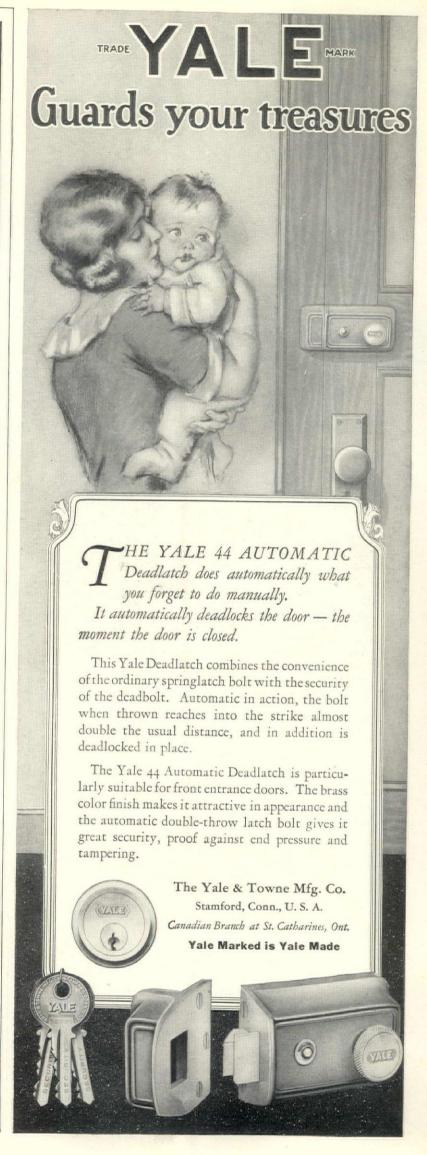
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#### RENT OR BUY SHOULD WE

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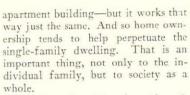
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#### COMING TO A DECISION

After considering the arguments pro and con, the average citizen wants to know how all this applies to him. If there are perfectly valid reasons for, and against, home ownership, how can one ever be able to satisfy himself with a decision. The answer is, of course, to consider which of these aspects is most significant in your life, and that of your family. It may be entirely the wisest policy, in one case to own, and in the other to rent. Remember that we have the country pretty evenly divided on the subject. One does not need to prove which is better in the abstract, but which is better in his one concrete case.

For the man who feels that his position or business connection is not a permanent one, especially if the prospects are for moving from one city to another frequently, then home ownership becomes a rather hazardous policy,-unless perchance, this man has an unusual gift for making quick sales to advantage in the real estate field.

On the other hand, if the husband's position is reasonably permanent, or if, in changing positions, he would still be located in the same city, then, as they say in legal matters, the case is prima facie one for home ownership. And this is more especially true if there are young children to be considered. For such a family the onefamily house in residential section or suburbs is the first choice, but even if they must live in the heart of the city, it is becoming increasingly possible to invest satisfactorily in a cooperative apartment house. Heretofore a principal drawback of the cooperative apartment was the difficulty of "getting out," i. e., selling. Now there are so many of these buildings, and so many more people are acquainted with the idea, that finding a purchaser for one is little if any more difficult than for the ordinary house.

If a family, through a number of years, has been unable to accumulate any savings, it is quite possible that investing in a home through such a plan as a building and loan society would provide the necessary stimulus. Still there is danger in that, unless the people have had some training in meeting periodical payments without default.

In some cases it seems unwise to a family's capital into a home who is continuously needed to help finan expanding business. This prob can be met part way, when desired purchasing only a small equity, carrying the balance on a mortg if suitable interest rates can be secu

Other things being equal, h ownership has more advantages, so is a safer course, where the far or some member of the family, is versed in real estate values, and a g salesman. For this reason, every t ily investing in a home should s the market for houses in every see of the city, and keep up to dat such information. They should only be conversant with prices, with methods of marketing. The necessary, not only to be safe in ing quickly when necessary. But is the way to uncover bona-fide gains in real estate. It is the me by which a small proportion tling young couples have turned homes into fortunes-through sesuccessful transfers.

#### A FORMULA THAT MAY HE

But some people are not satisfi decide the question of home owne or rental on any basis but the economy of it. Which is the cho way? Unfortunately, again, the swer isn't always the same. But possible in any given case to f the matter out.

Assume that rent charges are a 12 percent of the capital invested residence building. Now if you in a home of your own, it will b expensive for you than renting or your costs are kept below 12 pe You should figure at least 6 pe of the market value of your proj on your own funds invested in it there is a mortgage at, say, 5 per on half of it, it is easy to see ther the capital investment in your is costing, on the average,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  cent. There should always be a lowance for depreciation on a l and actually put into the bank sinking fund, about 2 percent value. That makes 7½ percent. compute the taxes. Perhaps amount to 3 percent. The av repairs should be added in, which usually between ½ and 1 percent. pose taxes and repairs are  $3\frac{1}{2}$  pe Add that to the  $7\frac{1}{2}$  percent above you have 11 percent, just one peless than the cost of rent! Reme however, that these are arbitrar ures. In your case, it may prove 11 percent, and a dead loss of cent to live in your own propert "Still what is two percent com

to the satisfaction of living in own home!" comes back the inve suburbanite. And so we have t mit that each case must be decid its merits. But perhaps we out be thankful that each family of its own judge and give the ev whatever weight it deserves.

### FINE FITTINGS

The modern home today is, of course, lighted by electricity, either by chandeliers hung from the ceiling, or fixtures on the side walls. These lights are practically all controlled by switches, so that by pushing a button or operating a single lever, the lights can be turned "on" or "off" at will. In addition there are many convenience outlets in the baseboards for operating floor lamps, vacuum cleaners, and other appliances.

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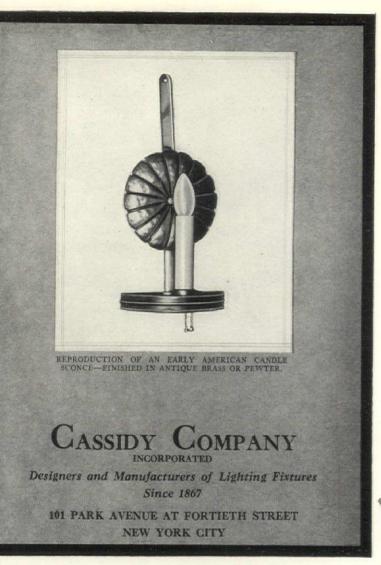
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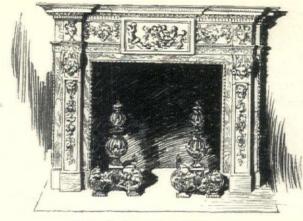
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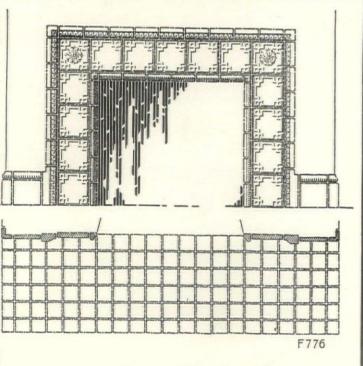
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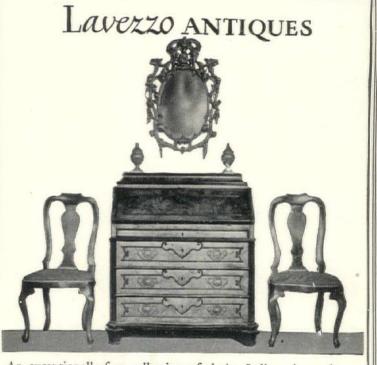
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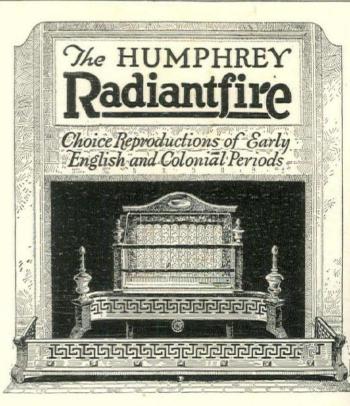
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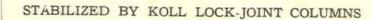
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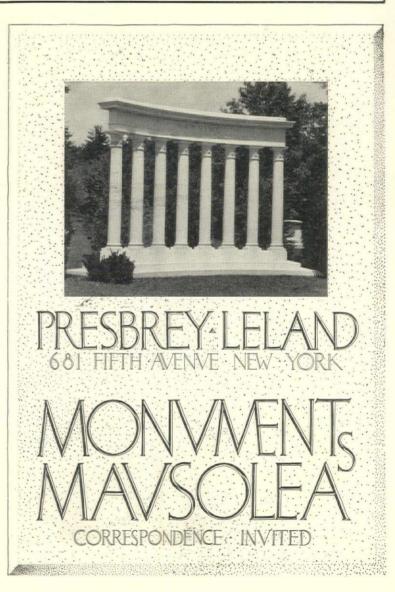
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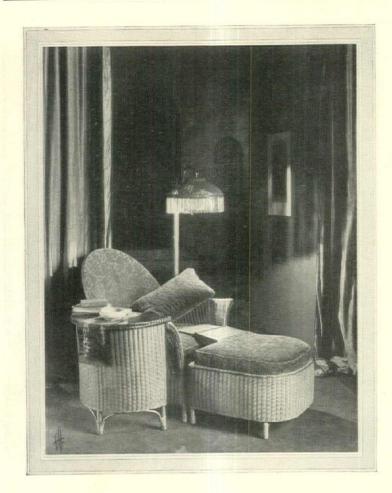
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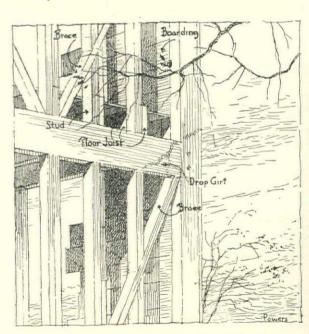
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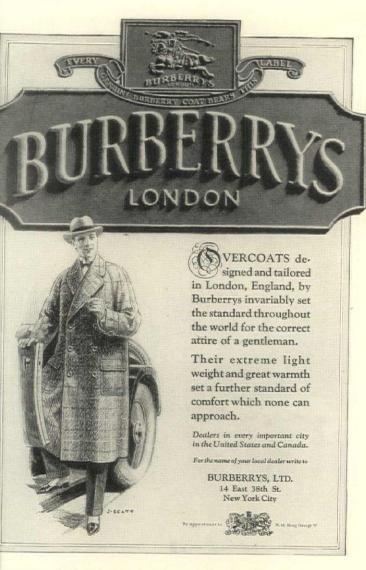
sists in using the lightest lumber possible, with no real braces, no mortising, of course, or pinning, but just enough strength to hold a house together under favorable conditions. It can be put up with extraordinary speed and is just as susceptible to beautiful form and finish as any other frame work. Its fault is simply its lack of pride and permanence. It differs from full framing in that it is not erected in fully and carefully prepared sections, but each post and stud is set separately upon the sill, spiked in place below and held upright by boards, nailed temporarily along the tops, until enough of the girts and floor joists are in place to let the foursquare framework be its own bracing. The studs run from sill to plate, clear through both stories, where in full framing a single story was usually the limit for one

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The frame of the second floor line. The drop girt across the front gives a bearing for the second floor joist





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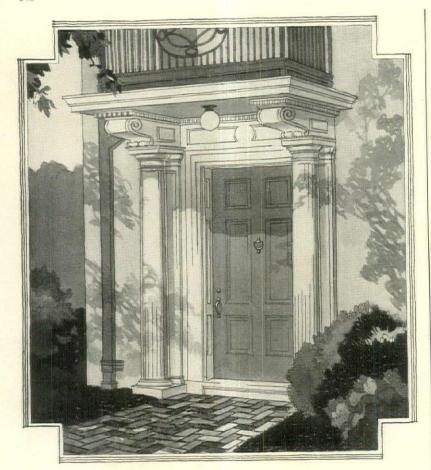


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story level and provide a support for the second floor joists. They help to make the whole frame work rigid, as well as give a bearing to these joists. The flush girt fulfills the former function only, as it runs across the ends of the house, set flush in the outer faces of the posts, at the same level as that of the joists. Braces are set also between these girts and the posts. It should have been said in passing that the ends of the first floor joists are set upon the lengthwise sills.

#### THE STUDS

If it is a large house there may be additional posts to receive girders which in turn provide additional support for the floor joists when the span is great. Now all the heavy, bearing timbers of the walls and floors are in place. The studs, generally 2 by 4-inch material, are set upright along the sills between the posts and spaced evenly 12 or 18 inches on centers and mortised into place. Where an opening occurs for a door or window the studs are doubled on either side of this opening. They run from the sill to the approximate height of the second floor ceiling, where they are cut off evenly to receive the plate-a piece running along the tops of the studs from post to post, on which rest the ends of the ceiling joists.

The plate also receives the roof rafters, (as shown in the sketch on page 146). The rafters run from their bearings on the plate to the ridge pole where they meet the rafters of the opposite slope at the apex of the roof.

All this is the bare skeleton of the house, the timber frame-work. As it has progressed there have been special problems to solve in connection with framing around chimneys, stair wells and the like. To go into these matters in the course of a short article that is meant simply to expose the main elements of the frame house would simply be clouding the issue. As a matter of fact, having seen the principal members of the frame work in place, it is not a difficult matter to imagine how the different details would follow along.

With the frame work complete the walls are covered outside with horizontal rough boarding, called sheathing. The same thing happens to the roof. In a balloon-framed house the sheathing is nailed to the studding and set at an angle of 45°, instead of horizontally, to give a necessary bracing to the structure. sheathing, as well as on the roof boarding, it is customary to put a layer or so of building paper (to aid insulation) before putting on the outside surface material. In the drawing which shows the unfinished home, the building stage above has been reached. Shingles have been begun to be laid on both walls and roof. The choice of material for either place need not be very limited, however. For the former, in addition to shingles, clapboarding and ship lap boarding, there may be stucco or a facing of

brick veneer, although the last are more suitable for walls of least partial masonry.

least partial masonry.

The floor boards having been and nailed onto the joists, the in walls are ready to finish. Onto studs are nailed narrow strips wood called laths. These, set h zontally about a half-inch appropriate for the pla. The same applies to the ceiling, is now possible to use wire lathing certain types of wall board for plaster base in place of laths, possible, also, to use a wall board walls and ceiling which performs functions of both lath and plaster

With the inside walls covered, floors, the outside walls, and the rather shell of the house has created, and the framework lossight. But, at least, for having the gaunt affair unclothed, with timber at its task, the pleasantnet the finished house must be more parent and its peculiarities more enunderstood.

SOME FRAME HOUSE BUILDING T

Names for a few of the things the essential but seldom seen

#### SILLS

Heavy timbers which rest or foundations and provide an curately squared and leveled ing surface for the entire s structure.

#### Posts

Heavy timber uprights at coand intersections.

#### BRACES:

Strengthening pieces set diago between posts and sills or be posts and girts.

#### GIRTS:

Heavy horizontal timbers in walls at each upper story which hold uprights in place support floor joists.

#### PLATES:

Pieces (generally doubled, "broken" joints) which run top of studding, supporting of joists and receiving roof raft

#### GIRDERS

Heavy beams supporting floor between beams.

#### Joists

Beams supporting floor.

#### STUDDING

The upright pieces in wooden and partitions.

#### RAFTERS:

Timbers supporting roof ra

#### PURLINS:

Beams supporting roof raft
SHEATHING:
The rough boarding nailed

The rough boarding nailed zontally (or at 45° angle) on side face of wall studding, ing a nailing surface for she clapboards, etc.

#### URRING:

Strips nailed across studding, or rafters to take laths or boa

#### LATHS:

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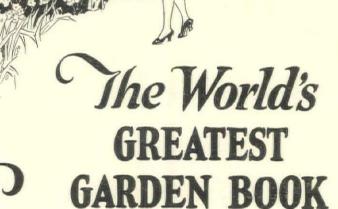
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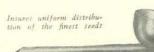
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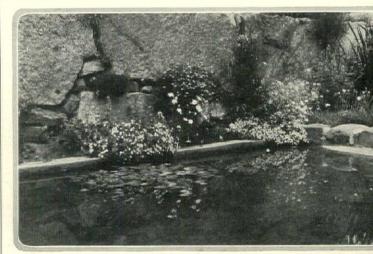
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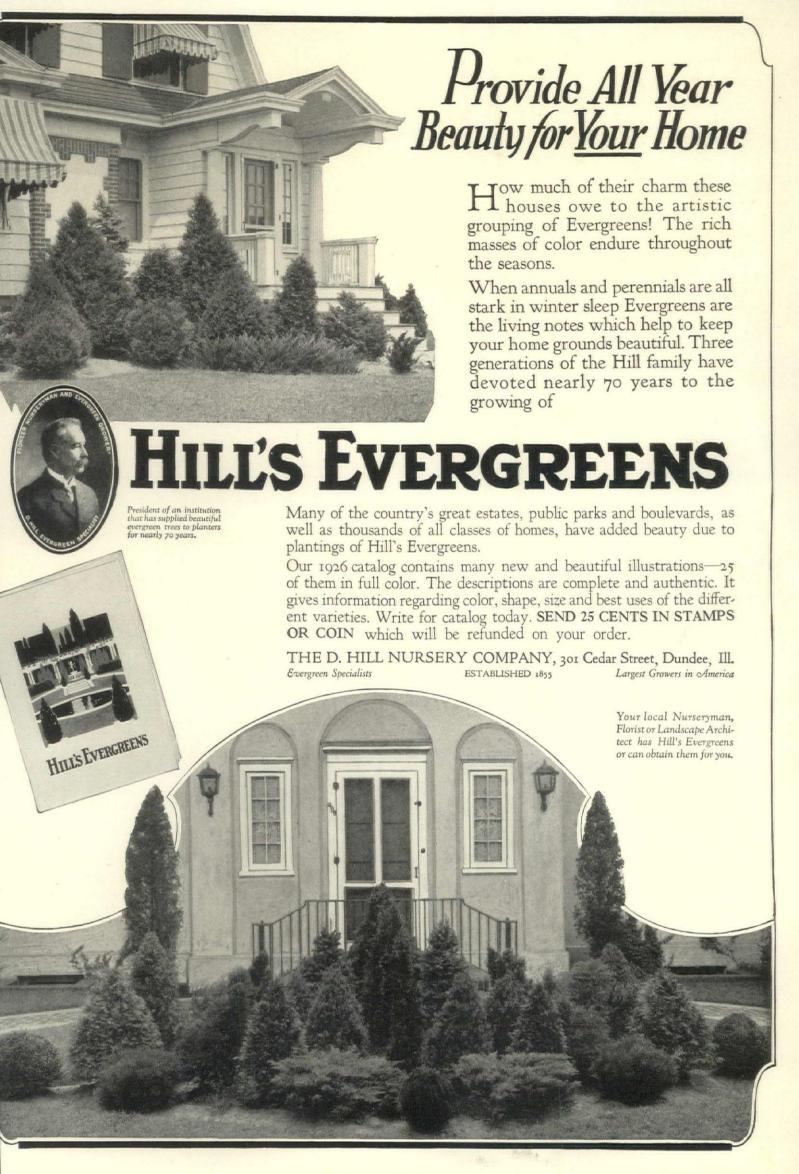
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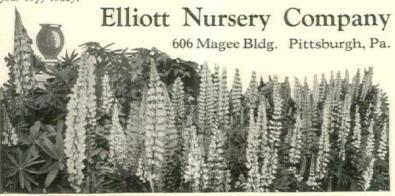
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It is really very simple. About all you need to do is to take s good-sized divisions off the old roots in the garden, replant t in boxes containing plenty of good soil, and bring them indoo a warm cellar. Here, if they are kept well watered, they quickly start growth and in a surprisingly short time you will be stalks big enough to use. The plan is one that can be started time after the beginning of January, the only essential provide being that the clumps shall have been frozen hard before they forced.

AT THIS season of the year, when one's garden thoughts likely to turn toward the new catalogs shortly to arrive, to is a deal of pleasure in investigating the full possibilities of so of those larger flower families with whose members one may be on terms of easy familiarity. Not the least of the interesuch study is the unexpectedly great variety of plant mat which it often brings to light.

There is no need here to emphasize the garden important such families as those of the Rose, Gladiolus, Dahlia or Peony these are rather generally known. Rather, we would call atter to a less well-known group, the Sedums or Stonecrops.

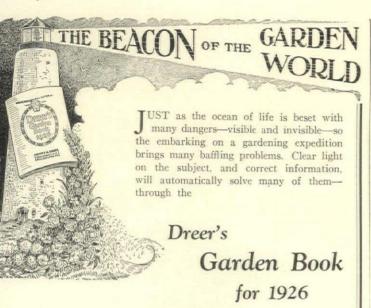
Primarily, these hardy little fellows are adaptable to rock dening, though many of them are almost equally useful along front of a herbaceous border. We are going to leave to you fun of discovering the details of their variety and excellence, mention merely two as a sort of appetizer which may lead you a full Sedum meal.

Sedum acre and S. spectabile are the varieties in question. former, a splendid yellow blossoming in June and July, is low of dense form; the latter, pinkish flowered, reaches a height foot and carries the season on to the end of September. Both lend to the rock garden a gayety that is too often lacking a the first flush of the early spring.

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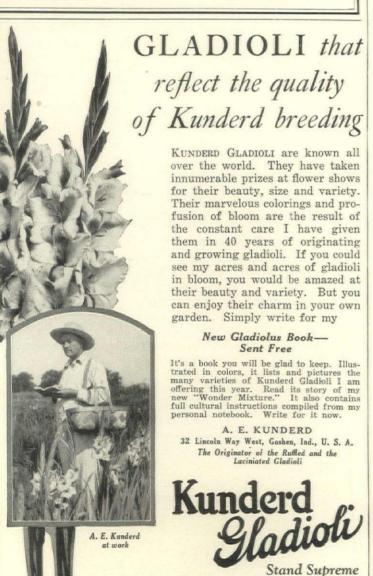
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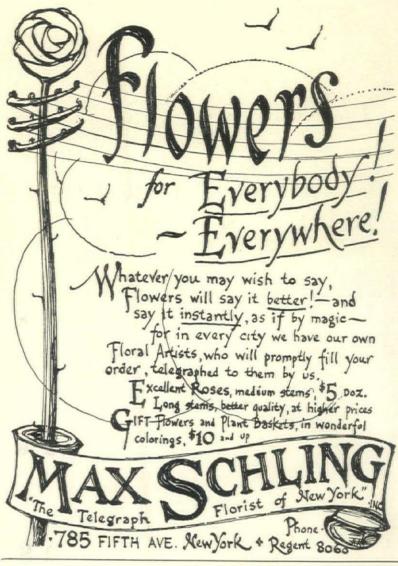
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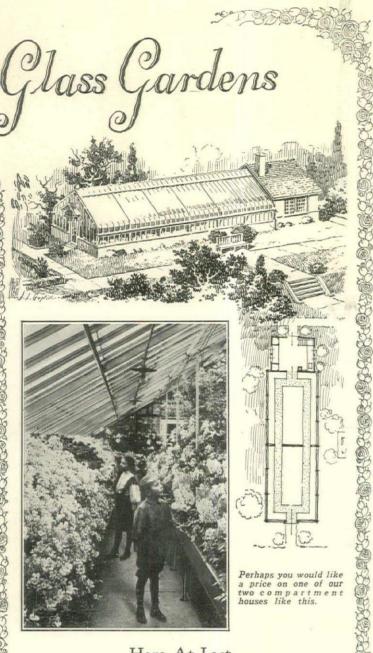
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In a sense, this evergreen beauty of the Laurel is the plant's curse, for, together with the magnificent display of bloom w cloaks the bushes in early summer, it has induced such ruthless ting and breaking on the part of an unthinking public that in regions the wild Laurel has been virtually exterminated. S wonder that many private individuals, as well as those soc which interest themselves in such matters, have taken up the for a vigorous "save the Laurel" campaign. There is no der the duty of everyone who has access to the native haunts of lovely American shrub to refrain from cutting the wild plant

There can be no slightest objection, however, to utilizing e the foliage or flowers from cultivated plantings. Fortunately are quite commonly available, so that one may enjoy the w beauty of vases filled with lusty, living green and still reta conscience entirely clear of wrong-doing. It can be honestly u too, that those who have suitable conditions around their gro set out a few plants of Laurel for the sake of the great beauty will yield as well as for the contribution they will be toward petuation of the species. Nursery-grown stock is inexpensive of excellent quality-far better, indeed, than the straggling s mens which one might be tempted to dig up in the woods.

HE accumulation on their leaves of countless minute particles is a constant menace to the health of indoor pl especially those with large foliage such as the Dracaenas, Pa Lantanas, and so on. Some dirt is bound to collect, even in most scrupulously cleaned room, and if neglected it will chok that free "breathing" through the leaf pores upon which p depend for their very life. Outdoors, this grime is norm washed away at intervals by the rain, but artificial means mu used to disperse it when inside the house.

Much benefit will result if, regularly once a week, the fo of these plants is wiped off with a soft sponge saturated first slightly soapy tepid water, and then clear water. They will be damaged if each leaf is supported on the palm of one while the upper surface is being gently cleaned.

NOT infrequently, when a pot plant becomes unthrifty no apparent reason, the trouble lies in the soil in which growing. Perhaps the available plant food has been exhausted (a frequent occurrence) the soil itself may have become through overwatering, poor cultivation or drainage, or a fa of the roots to penetrate throughout it. In any of these ex repotting in entirely fresh soil may work wonders in the pl condition. A light, fairly rich mixture is the best. If you ca provide it from your own ground, go to the nearest florist and him to sell you some of his regular potting soil.

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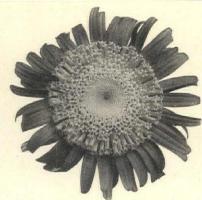
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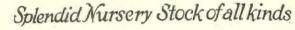
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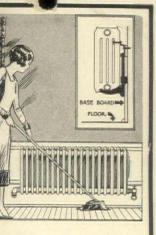
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