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$\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{N}}$ another page appears a head study of that outstanding West Highland White Terrier, International Champion Chum of Childwick. Here is a complete view of the same dog. Notice the short, straight back, the sturdy legs and shoulders, the cobby body, the general appearance of compactness and agility. Clearly a breed for any place for which a moderate sized, alert and finely intelligent dog might be sought.


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$\mathrm{T}_{\text {HE }}$ cover. Once more House \& Garden appears wearing a photographic cover. We tried our apprenticed hand in July with a red garden umbrella. We took an azure flight in that charming blue room in September, and now those two lens-and-light geniuses, Anton Bruehl and Fernand Bourges, present this display of a Christmas gift table, with boxes and gay papers from Wanamaker's. Other examples of their work are found on succeeding pages. Bruehl, by the way, is a down-under, hailing from Australia, and Bourges first focused his eyes to the light in Louisiana.
$\mathrm{N}_{\text {Ice }}$ custoar. Flowers, like people, often become so much more interesting when you know their names. This was proved by a nice custom we encountered at a country house recently. Each morning the gardener cuts Roses for the family and guests. A Rose is laid beside your place at the breakfast table. And to each bud is attached a slip of paper bearing the name of the variety. It gives you a jolly feeling of intimacy to start the day knowing that Killarney Queen or Betty Uprichard is in your buttonhole. A wise gardener, however, avoids such teeth-crackers as Prince Engelbert Charles D'Arenberg or Violoncelliste Albert Fourès or Mevrouw G. A. Van Rossem. Why will these furriners insist on hobbling charming Roses with such names?
$\mathrm{G}_{\text {rand pratse. Nowadays only very dull or }}$ very pious people read Jeremy Taylor. Preachers who lived in the age he did-1613 to 1667-lack the snap to catch the contemporary ear. Yet we offer, as a sublime slice of English, this magnificent sentence wrapped around a quaint conceit: "He is glorified in the Sunne and Moon, in the rare fabrick of the honeycombs, in the discipline of Bees, in the economy of Pismires, in the little houses of birds, in the curiosity of an eye, God being pleased to delight in those little images and reflexes of Himself from those pretty mirrors."
$\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{IR}}$ william tearple. Garden clubs that are searching for a figure to discuss at meetings ought not to miss Sir William Temple, another 17th Century worthy. A retired statesman and diplomatist, he devoted his leisure to gardening. Like Jeremy Taylor, he, too, could write magnificent English. Witness this comment on gardening: "As it has been the inclination of kings and the choice of philosophers, so it has been the common favorite of public and private men; a pleasure of the greatest and a care of the meanest; and indeed an employment and a possession for which no man is too high nor too low."

Workmanship counts. Next to poor materials, the most wasteful item in the construction of a house is poor workmanship. Even the best of stone and brick and equipment lose in efficiency if inadequately installed. The skill of the workman's hand is still an essential item.

SLums. For over a year House \& Garden has been advocating the clearing away of slums and in their place the building of better housing or the making of parks. It was encouraging to read that Walter Lippmann is taking up the cudgel in the same cause. He wants the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to help along selfliquidating public works. "Something considerable can be done if those in charge of the matter will actively encourage the starting of projects, particularly for slum clearance."

## THE OX

He has the night among the gentle trees, The dark surrounds him, and the Pleiades Swing steady lanterns high above his head, And juice from broken grasses scent his bed; He takes his fill of slow, unprodded peace, Of browsing in the dusk, of sweet release From labor in the sun . . . the wind is cool Along his flanks that steamed with sweat . . . a pool
Of water brims each hoof-print as he walks The boggy meadow, and the fragrant stalks Of clover tease his mouth.

The timbers dragged
With patience up the hill, the strength that sagged
To weariness, the light and fretful blows Of drivers are forgotten.

No one knows
His solitude, the comfort that he takes Breathing long sighs among the ferny brakes; The day is dead that gave him aching knees, The night is his among the gentle trees.
-Martha Banning Thomas
Flowers and modernism. How much modern rooms depend on flowers for their ultimate effect ! And how carefully those flowers have to be selected and placed! Here is a list found this spring in an apartment recently decorated in the contemporary taste. A room with white parchment walls contained white Lilacs; in a room with walls of yellow straw marquetry were pink Sweet Peas and yellow Pansies. In a silver and gold room were massed large bouquets of yellow and brown Iris. The most effective of all was a black and gold breakfast room where pale pink Peonics caught the sun.

Package houses. In the November issue was first shown House \& Garden's "Little House." This is on exhibition, fully furnished, at W. \& J. Sloane in New York, Readers interested in building the house will find all plans, specifications and information required in a package which can be obtained through House \& Garden's Reader Service. This is the first of ten small houses to be shown complete. The next appears in January. It is designed by Julius Gregory. Furnishings will be selected by B. Altman \& Co.

Books to give gardeners. The unceasing fanaticism of gardeners for their sport is one of the world's phenomena. When they can't garden, they read garden books, read them avidly. And such is the abundance of books produced to satisfy this demand that one must pick her way carefully through them.

Three that we would recommend for gifts to gardeners this year are Louise Beebe Wilder's The Fragrant Path, Ira N. Gabrielson's Western American A!pines and Beverly Nichols' Down The Garden Path.
Each of these is quite distinctive, each meaty and each very much worthwhile. So many gardening books are filled with vain repetitions, but these are genuine records of experience.
Beverly Nichols' is an amusing story of a young novelist's initial contact with a country home of his own. We have too few gardening books that poke fun at our frailties. Kapel's The Gardening Year is one, The Gardener's Bed Book is another, and Nichols' can be put alongside them on the same shelf.

A book on our native Western Alpines has long been needed. Here is a rich storehouse of which the average gardener knows so little and plants so rarely. Mr. Gabrielson has done a thorough job. His book is worthy of a wide and intelligent reception.
Over Mrs. Wilder's The Fragrant Path we are apt to become adjectival. In addition to the delightful charm which pervades her writing is her amazingly wide acquaintance with plants. She has gone through gardens everywhere using her nostrils, and has raised the sense of smell to a fine Sybaritic habit. If you want to make a fragrant garden here is all the information; if you want thoroughly to enjoy it, here are the outlines of the art.

Cells they don't own. For several years Germany has made a great to-do about the workmen's houses erected under a sort of socialistic scheme. They are modern in design and apparently ideal for the purpose. Nevertheless close observers of these districts have noticed that they soon become slattern. The individual owner has no incentive to keep up the appearance of the little cell he doesn't own.
$\mathrm{T}_{\text {He return }}$ to elegance. Now that the end of the depression (so all of us hope) is almost in sight, people are beginning to speculate on what life will be like when good times come again. We may not look for any Utopia, any blissful return to the high, wide and handsome and wasteful days of the late 20 's; but we can hope for a return to a better evaluation of those matters that make for a fuller life. We can look for a return to elegance, to quality living, to the maintenance of standards of taste that refuse to accept or be a party to cheap stylizing, notorious publicity or slipshod thinking. If from the fire of this depression some such precious residuum is not left, it surely has been suffered in vain.

Clean christmas. It is no longer an insult to present your friends with bath towels for Christmas. For bath towels are now as carefully styled to enhance the decorative scheme of your bathrooms as any choice piece for your drawing room. One of our scouts, who attended the com-ing-out party of a new group of débutante towels, reports that main trends are designs based on period motifs (Prince of Wales feathers, that sort of thing) or on popular sports, and a new use of white with brilliant color accents. If your tastes are simpler, there is new grandeur in plain neutral pastel towels with variegated gipsy borders or crisp, thin cluster stripes of black.


It's a wise tree that bears silver
SILVER-the perfect gift possessing age-old distinction as well as value now and forever after. A house without its full complement of silver is unthinkable; hence these glittering Christmas suggestions-which are described in detail on page 68

# CHRISTMAS DINNER INTERNATIONALE 

By Dorothy O. O'Neill

Inside holly-wreathed, welcoming doorways is a sure magnet to draw relatives and friends on Christmas day-that heart-warming institution-the Christmas dinner. What a host of delightful memories it calls to mind! Especially when cook and mistress have garnered in some important new recipes for this best-of-the-year meal.
Now the hostess with an imaginative mind yearns for something different to present to her guests, some change from the traditional American menu, satisfying though it is. Let her pursue the subject far enough and she will discover foreign cuisines that offer her a distinct variation in foods. For Christmas holidays in countries where the event has religious significance are days of feasts. It is then that the most treasured recipes are brought forth to make dishes befitting the occasion.

Here in the United States, when holly gleams and Christmas bells ring out, the tables of the foreign diplomats in Washington usually present the special holiday foods of each country. Many of the wives of the Washington diplomatic corps have very generously shared with me the recipes of the favorite foods of their homelands at holiday time.

Ancient feudal England established our Christmas dinner custom, and brought to us the plum pudding, that favorite Yuletide dessert. One of the best examples of a traditional English Christmas menu is the dinner served last year in the British Embassy in Washington. The menu: Soup, fish, turkey, plum pudding and mince pies. These are the universal holiday dishes in Great Britain. There are no other special dishes for other holidays except that it is usual, in England, to have pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.

What more heartening sight, at the end of the Christmas dinner, than to behold a dark and luscious plum pudding, glowing with flames, borne triumphant to the festive table? A real English plum pudding recipe follows:

1 pound of raisins, 1 pound currants, $1 / 2$ pound chopped candied orange and lemon peel, $1 / 2$ cup chopped blanched almonds, 1 pound light brown sugar, 1 pound soft bread

Lest $^{\text {Christmas }}$ become a dreary routine of exchanging gifts, why not elaborate one ancient phase of it and make that phase memorable? Feasting is the world-wide tradition of this day. Young and old, rich and poor, the crabbed and the merry all meet at a common level when they sit down to Christmas dinner. Even those who sternly diet will succumb to its savory odors. House \& Garden, too, has surrendered to the lure of Yuletide gastronomy and this year centers the selection of its gifts around the day's feasting



Parmesan cheese and then glaze under heat. Place on the serving platter and then garnish either with asparagus tips or with fine mushrooms sautéed in butter.

Another treasured recipe of Madame Claudel's is for a dessert which is called Riz à l'Imperatrice. Sweets which come at the end of the French meal, be they puddings or sweets of other sorts are known as entremets. To make this delicious entremet take $31 / 2$ ounces of rice, wash well and place in cooking vessel, cover with sweet milk to which have been added 3 tablespoonfuls of sugar and a dash of salt. Cook, watching that it does not stick, adding more milk if necessary, until the rice is tender and flaky. Take from stove and let cool. Then add $13 / 4$ ounces of various candied fruits cut into dice and marinate in Kirsch. Non-alcoholic Kirsch may be obtained in this country at any well-stocked grocery establishment. If Kirsch, which is a pleasing, cherry liqueur, cannot be had, marinate the fruits in sweet, sirupy cherry juice. Mix into it the same quantity of Bavarian "Apparciola" or $63 / 4$ ounces of "English cream" (very thick cream), and $63 / 4$ ounces of whipped cream. Decorate the mold with some candied fruits, pour the rice and fruit mixture into it and place it in packed ice to become solid. When ready to serve, take it out of mold onto a serving dish and serve with it thick cream or a fruit sauce. For six persons mold one quart.

From Geneva, in beautiful Switzerland, came Madame Peter and her husband, the Minister of Switzerland, so it is of Genevese dishes that are served at Christmas time that Madame Peter tells. Turkey, she says, is the principal dish of the Christmas table and it is roasted as we prepare it here, but the stuffing is very different and it gives a most delicious taste. After the turkey comes a vegetable called "cardon," and Madame Peter says that only in Boston has she been able to find this vegetable, where it is grown in the Italian section of the city. This vegetable is eaten alone. The salad is generally served with the roast. The Swiss serve the salad with a French dressing. The dessert eaten on Christmas day is generally "rissoles," a very Swiss dish, says Madame Peter.

Madame Peter gives three of her own favorite recipes for dishes which she tells us she serves on her own table at Christmas time.

Stuffing for turkey (Genevese fashion): Prepare the turkey one day before roasting so that the stuffing will give its taste to the meat of the bird. Mix with fine, good sausage meat (for a big bird you must have one and one-half pounds of meat and as much boiled chestnuts),
some good, boiled chestnuts, $1 / 2$ teaspoon salt, $1 / 4$ teaspoon pepper, and one chopped truffle.

Cardon (Genevese vegetable, Genevese fashion): Peel the cardon and cut in four-inch pieces. Make a sauce of butter, flour and meat bouillon. The sauce must be rather thin. Put the cardon in the sauce and let boil slowly for two hours. The sauce will thicken and you serve the vegetable in a deep dish. Before serving add cne large piece of butter, salt and pepper.

Rissoles: Three or four days before Christmas peel five or six pounds of cooking pears and put them to boil with sugar and the rind of one lemon. When cooked for two hours, mash, add one handful of seedless raisins and a little sweet spices. Stir well and often. It must be very sweet. Put this in a dish and keep it until Christmas. Make a pie dough. Roll it thin as for a pie, cut with a coffee cup and put a spoonful of "pearsmarmelade" not quite in the middle. Fold the round so that it takes the shape of a half moon. Either bake in the oven or fry in a pan.

The main holiday celebrated in Czechoslovakia is Christmas Eve. The typical evening dinner is served then, says Madame Veverka wife of the Minister of Czechoslovakia. She tells that a typical menu is:

Fish soup which is made with fish roe and strained vegetables.

Fried carp, served with potato and celery root salad.

Apple roll, made with a thin rolled crust, spread with cut apples, raisins, almonds, cinnamon, sugar, butter. It is then rolled and baked.

Coffee cake, candy and nuts.
The regular Christmas dinner is served in the middle of the day on December 25th. Madame Veverka gives this menu for that dinner:

Beef bouillon with liver dumplings, rice or clear.

Roast goose, accompanied by dumplings and boiled cabbage.

Dessert: Cakes and fruit.
Madame Veverka has given the method for making dumplings and boiled cabbage as served in Czechoslovakia.

Dumplings: 1 whole egg, 2 egg yolks. Beat together and add 1 cup warm, salted water. Then add sufficient flour to make a dough. Beat with wooden spoon. Add $1 / 2$ loaf stale white bread, cut in small pieces. Divide into two small dumplings, and then boil in water for $1 / 2$ hour.

Boiled Cabbage: Boil cabbage after cutting in small pieces. Then fry chopped onion, add a little flour and add cabbage. For a large, firm head of cab- (Continued on page 62)


For cocktail hour. 1. Silver-plated shaker with novel device that $^{\text {a }}$ gives recipes in cut-out spaces, Altman; chess glasses, Abercrombie \& Fitch. 2. New reasons for old-fashioneds: silver lines, thumb print, white stripes, drum, red band, Altman. 3. Chromium horsd'auvres dishes, Rena Rosenthal. 4. Gay Nineties cocktail napkins, Saks-Fifth Avenue. 5. Red collapsible dice bar, James Mont


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Stage your Christmas dinner all in glittering modern dress

One of the lovely aspects of Christmas the world over is its faithful adherence to tradition. But time moves on, and who can blame the Christmas tree, or yet the festive dinner table, for yielding a bit to the modern spirit that is abroad in the land? Here is a new holiday table setting whose decorations, though of the minute in design, color and materials, is nevertheless entirely in keeping with the time-honored sentiment of this glamorous day

$\mathrm{T}_{\text {he flat silver on this modern table is the Lady }}$ Diana pattern of Towle, a smart design in keeping with the contemporary character of the setting. Damask with a pale yellow sheen is perfect with the plates, silvery glasses and the mirrored centerpiece. The napkins have modern monograms outlined in black. From Mosse. Lacquer red, gold and silver plates bring Christmas color, and the silver note is repeated in the striped glasses from the Ehrich Galleries
$\mathrm{F}_{\text {IVe }}$ silvery trees made of polished chromium sparkle on a slender plaque of black and mirrored glass in this very decorative centerpiece for a Christmas table of today. Flanking this are square mirrored glass comports piled high with colorful fruits, and at each end of the table are two smaller square dishes holding red and yellow candies. The centerpiece, plates, the striped glasses and the crystal dishes all come from the Ehrich Galleries


Coffee,liqueurs,smokes
$\mathrm{N}_{\text {EW }}$ coffee table in sapphire glass and glittering chromium (1). Russel Wright. Chromium coffee set, Altman; black and white cups, silver lined, Ehrich Galleries
$W_{\text {ITH }}$ everyone crystal-minded, here is the solution for an important gift (2)-a smoking set of polished and frosted glass. Lighter with chromium top. Brand Chatillon

This new decanter (3) is decorated with stender Icaves dotted by red berries. Glasses have red and green bands. Altman, Black and gold decanter and glasses. Arden Studios
$W_{\text {Hite }}$ enamel box holding 40 cigarettes (4) ; and folding tortoise shell case. Arden. Cork and chromium box. Russel Wright. Chromium lighter. Abercrombie \& Fitch

Forlow the swallow for your fate in these fortune-telling glasses (5) from Pitt Petri. Ballyhoo bucket for game rooms, aluminum and red, section for ice. Russel Wright





THIs prolific scotty and his pals are all set for a child's holiday party. Burdened with "surprises," he is the newest, gayest Jack Horner pie of the season; his shaggy coat is curly white paper, his collar a splashy big green bow. Schwarz. The mottoes in either pale blue or pink crinkly paper have accordionpleated skirts, Schwarz. The doll turns out to be a lollypop and brightly painted whistles, horns and saxophones add to the festivities. From Saks-Fifth Avenue

Each small guest takes home one of the performing animals shown below. First is a wise seal with a repertoire of brilliant balancing acts; the elephant goes serenely on his way, flapping his big cars; Mark Twain's frog merely jumped, this one swims; the polar bear wigwags his head as he shuffles along, while the big cats roar thunderously as they spring. With tail swishing viciously, the alligator slithers by, snapping his jaws at the jumping kangaroo. F. A. O. Schwarz


## Candle flames help light the

way to a merrier Christmas

Since candles have been a traditional expression of the spirit of Christmas, novel ways to use them in Christmas decoration are always acceptable. On these pages are a few ideas that can be easily carried out with the aid of the simplest tools, a bit of lumber and some heavy drawing paper

The star above is cut from a round plaque of three-ply wood $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ thick and $14^{\prime \prime}$ in diameter. To cut the star, first divide the edge of the circle into five equal parts and join the points, as shown by the diagram. Then cut from the edge to the point where the lines meet. Nail the star to a round plaque $12^{\prime \prime}$ in diameter which has been cut from a piece of whitewood about $1^{\prime \prime}$ thick

To make the little star candle-stands below, select a piece of close-grained wood, such as whitewood, draw a circle $61 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ in diameter and then follow the procedure given for cutting out the larger star shown above. Painted in bright colors and set with candles in the same or a contrasting color these candlestands will make attractive table or mantel decorations during the Christmas season
$\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{N}}$ the plant stand is a circular wood plaque with holes bored for candles. A wood cylinder about $3^{\prime \prime}$ high and $2^{\prime \prime}$ across holds the center candle above the others. Two of these plant stands would be interesting in a balanced arrangement, possibly before windows


$T_{\text {He long }}$ window candle stand above is made from a single piece of wood $11 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ thick and $5^{\prime \prime}$ high at the center (B). It is $33^{\prime \prime}$ long between points $\mathrm{K}, 134^{\prime \prime}$ high at points M and $33 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ high at points A. The entire board is surrounded by a piece of $2^{\prime \prime}$ by $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ cove moulding nailed to it. The first candle socket is $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ towards center from point A and the sockets have $4^{\prime \prime}$ between them

$\mathrm{F}_{\text {IVE }}$ wood discs and two cylinders make this candelabra. The scalloped edges are stiff drawing paper, the size of scallops being half of a twenty-five cent coin. Discs A, B, C, D are $1^{\prime \prime}$ thick and $6^{\prime \prime}, 11^{\prime \prime}$ $151 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ and $8^{\prime \prime}$ in diameter. E is $15 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ thick and $10^{\prime \prime}$ across. F and G are $5^{\prime \prime}$ long, $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ and $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ across
$\mathrm{T}_{\text {REE }}$ is cut from $5 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ plywood and is $28^{\prime \prime}$ from bottom of pot to top of tree. From waste pieces an additional pot (P) is cut, 33/4" tall and $5^{\prime \prime}$ wide at top. This pot is nailed to the original pot which is part of the tree silhouette. Cardboard (A) is tacked on. Then the assembled tree is mounted on a base (B) by means of two iron angle brackets (C). The base is $11 / 2$ " thick, $10^{\prime \prime}$ long and $8^{\prime \prime}$ deep. Holders for candles are jamb hooks commonly used for brooms, tools, etc.


## A farmhouse that is

## an oldest inhabitant

$\mathrm{D}_{\text {ativg back to }}$ 1680, the country home of William Lawrence Bottomley, architect, at Brookville is one of the oldest houses still standing on Long Island. Necessary remodeling has been so carefully carried out as to preserve all of its old-time charm. The wall shingles are gray and exterior trim is painted white

Laxdscaping is decidedly informal, with Phlox, Iris, Peonics and flowering shrubs creating a typical old-fashioned garden before the house. Shading the front grass terrace are a huge Sugar Maple and a Silver Birch. A grape vine from a side arbor clambers across the face of the house at second story height


250 years set lightly
on its rugged frame

Above a powder blue dado, the living room walls are covered with an old French wall paper in which soft greens and blues predominate. The sofa is upholstered in blue silk. Under a valance board painted in blue and gold to resemble drapery, curtains are of white voile edged with old-fashioned cotton fringe

Mr. Bortonitey's dining room has oyster white walls inset with old toile paper panels. Chairs are white with gold decorations. The huge antique sideboard displays a miscellaneous collection of old blue and white china and silver. The principal color notes of the room are red, blue and gold, usually on white



## A Seventeenth Century original

$\mathrm{H}_{\text {UGe fireplaces were characteristic of the Early American houses }}$ -such fireplaces as this one still surviving in the living room of William Lawrence Bottomley's Long Island home. The wood paneled fireplace wall is painted powder blue. The rug, in tan and blues, is decorated with the various signs of the zodiac-the Gemini twins being located in position to toast their little bare toes

## PAUSE



Although for many centuries the West has been penetrating the East, there still remain countless points on which we never see alike.

To us average Westerners the music of the East, for example, is either a doleful sing-song or a hideous concatenation, both of them beyond our understanding. We merely clap our hands over our ears and run away.

Yet this music of the East is a subtle, traditional and highly symbolic art. Perhaps our failure to understand it is due to the fact that Asiatics enjoy music for reasons quite different from ours.

The music of the West is intended to break the silence. The music of the East is intended to prepare the listener for the pause that follows. Sound is used only in order to emphasize silence. These moments of silence are considered sometimes to have even greater significance than moments of sound. For it is during the silence that the listener is revealed to himself. The great poet-philosopher, Lâo-tsze, explained this theory by using the simile of a vase: " A vase is useful, not because of the thickness of its sides, but because of the empty space they enclose."

The Asiatic, then, believes that silence frees him from the discordant emotions that the music has aroused. He reaches an appreciation of the value of emptiness. He endeavors to raise to a subtle art the enjoyment of a pause.

## To our way of thinking a pause is a necessary evil. We

 endure it only when circumstances force it on us. We can't quite grasp the meaning of the ancient phrase where men are described as having strength because they sit still. Pausing and sitting still and enjoying silence are scarcely experiences that we have harbored within the scope of modern life. In fact, for years the tempo of living had been so quickened that we dreaded even the mention of its slowing down. We always called for faster music.Then came the crash of a few years back. Ever since, we have been trying to adjust our lives to a slower tempo, to a steadier mode of living. We may be approaching the time when we can actually enjoy the stopping of activities, when a pause will be a treat. It is even conceivable that this Christmas a great many more people than ever before will "rest beside life's weary road and hear the angels sing." And not just because life has proven frightfully weary to them, but because there is something to be gained when we cease singing ourselves, and begin listening to angels.

Just as the Asiatic has discovered that silence reveals himself to himself, that it rolls out life before him like a carpet, so may we Westerners light upon some rare nugget of wisdom in the course of enjoying a pause. There are signs that many people already have discovered it.
$\mathrm{T}_{\text {HE first two }}$ years following the financial debacle were a period of great work and striving. Men labored under pressure as never before. They were certain that they could solve the problems with which they found themselves confronted. Some still do cling to that notion. Of late, however, more and more people have been realizing that much of their efforts proved futile and fruitless. More and more are willing to stop struggling toward the attainment of a gigantic ambitious program for improvement. They frankly acknowledge that they don't know what is going to happen next, but whatever it is, they are willing to adjust themselves to it when it comes. These wise folk feel that the solution will spring from some source other than merely man-made economic, commercial or social systems and activities.
$Y_{\text {EAR }}$ after year we go on teaching these very facts to our children. The essence of the poem we recite to them on Christmas Eve is that . . .

> All through the house
> Not a creature was stirring,
> Not even a mouse.

Unless they are very quiet, the Santa they so long for will not ride down from the skies. And, of course, he is no Santa unless he does come from on high.

We tell them, too, about the star that siood still. Without that part of the story Christmas wouldn't be Christmas at all. And while we are telling it, somehow the realization creeps over us that if only we could accept that story with the implicit faith of our children, life would be so much easier, so much less complicated.
We are all too certain that stars normally pursue their courses, that they are always plunging through infinite space at break-neck speed. But this star stopped. It paused. It stood still. And men, too, paused to watch it, and for those who paused it pointed out a way they were seeking. Pointed it to a varied assortment of people, ranging from men rich and wise down to the humblest peasant.

The problems that confronted these rich and wise men were probably no different from the problems that face rich and wise men today. For a long time they had been dragging themselves arcund corners looking for the elusive prosperity that was never there. What the shepherds sought was no different from what the rank and file of us are seeking today. Each man, after his own kind, evidently found what he needed-for he was very happy.

Such happiness arrives when we cease seeking. The emptiness of the vase which is life becomes more useful when we forget the material surroundings that make it.

Richardson Wright.
 whose shape was almost altogether rectangular. The walls were often paneled in large areas


## Backgrounds of English Regency rooms

The Regency Era marked a strong reaction against the rich exuberance of the Adam epoch that preceded it. In materials, in design and in ornamentation, simplicity and restraint became the order of the day in architecture and decoration alike. The change was prompted as much by motives of economy as by a natural swing of taste.
Regency furniture, and all the accessories that go with it, derive additional charm and emphasis from a fixed background whose attributes are equally typical of the period to which they belong. It is the kindliest and most effective foil they can have, however arresting they may be by their own intrinsic merits of design and proportion. The rather elastic limits of the Regency era in decoration sometimes cause a degree of uncertainty about just what were the contemporary backgrounds. The style, it is true, had its first glimmerings
when Henry Holland built Southill, in Bedfordshire, in 1775 and it did not reach its full maturity till the Regency of the Prince of Wales, from 1810 to 1820 . But we shall certainly not be far astray if we take the outstanding background qualities of the first quarter of the 19th Century as adequately representative of the manner called Regency or, oftentimes in America, Early Federal.
To begin with, floors were sometimes of flags or of black and white marble tiles, especially in vestibules and halls, and occasionally in other places; ordinarily in most rooms, however, there were wooden floors. During most of the 18 th Century, carpets and large rugs were comparatively rare except in great houses, but now they were coming into general use. One favorite Regency convention was to have nearly the whole floor covered with a large plain car-
$\mathrm{T}_{\text {HE }}$ hall in Carton House, London, designed by Henry Holland for the Prince of Wales. From a plate in Ackermann's "Microcosm of London," published in 1811

By H. D. Eberlein

pet, often gray, and just one small square Aubusson or other patterned rug before the fireplace. Another approved usage was to have an all-over patterned carpet with a loosely distributed floral motif; a carpet of a regular trellis pattern, with small leaves and flowers; or a carpet with geometrical pattern of either large or small units. In some instances the carpets had large central designs and borders.
It was characteristic of Regency rooms to be well-proportioned, spacious and of good height. Even rooms of actually small dimensions in (Continued on page 73)

# Many Mallows for varied garden places 

By Louise Beebe Wilder

Today when we are asking plants to grow and blossom with somewhat less attention than they have enjoyed of yore, the Mallow clan presents itself for consideration with most authentic qualifications. What have we been thinking of during the more golden years to neglect them almost entirely! They are lovely, accommodating, infinitely useful for border or wild garden, and for cutting. What more could a distracted gardener ask? Moreover, they belong to July, that period of inevitable let-down and lais-sez-faire which is so trying to the soul of the careful gardener.

The Mallows are members of the order Malvaceae that includes the Rose of Sharon, the Abutilon of pots, the wild Marsh Mallow, Althaea officinalis, which though so delightful and common a feature of our salt marshes, is an alien naturalized from Europe. But we are here concerned with certain herbaceous ornamentals, perennial and annual, embracing Malope, Althaea, Lavatera, Sidalcea, Malva, Malvastrum and the bright little Callirhoe, if there is space.

Chief of these is the Hollyhock, Althaea rosea, which has been sung and praised and pictured in all its attitudes and phases since it was introduced from the Orient about 1573 , but which is somewhat put
out of countenance today by newer and less meritorious introductions. It is the saving grace in the garden of many a beginner, for it is striking, colorful, picturesque, reliable, and it should be no less the pride of more established gardens as it was in Parkinson's in the early 16th Century. Of it he says it "is not found but in gardens euery where", so he seems not to have known of its Oriental origin.

Hollyhocks come double or single, and some like best the tight powder puif blossoms set in a circle of smooth guard petals, spaced primly along tall erect spires, and some prefer the simpler single kinds. Both kinds run to lovely colors-all the pinks, reds, prunes, mauves, yellows and white, but no blues. One may choose the colors carefully to fit into a preconceived color scheme, or grow them carelessly massed, all colors, and achieve an effect of oldfashioned chintz that is very charming. Some delightful combinations are possible, too, such as pale pink and lemon-colored varieties, or some of the dusky prune or maroon kinds with bright cerise ones. In a border where early white Phlox, Lemon Lilies and Campanula lactiflora predom:nate yellow and white Hollyhocks are an addition. A Lemon Lily which fits into this scheme admirably is the new Hemero-


LAVATERA TRIMESTRIS


Lavatera olbia rosea
callis F. A. Crawford, which has a charming starry form and delicate fragrance.

Hollyhocks are best grown at the back of the borders in irregular groups, or they may be allowed to foregather in unserried ranks, as one so often sees them in country gardens, behind a white picket fence. Hollyhocks and white picket fences have an especial affinity for each other. Althaea ficifolia, the Figleaved or Antwerp Hollyhock (originally from Siberia) is a delightful single-flowered kind, not quite so tall and more freely branching than the offspring of Althaea rosea. Its flowers are of lovely form and a clear pale yellow in color, but allowed to grow near Hollyhocks of other colors seedlings spring up, displaying the most enchanting hues-apricot, amber, cream, salmon, flame and the like. And I have found these Fig-leaved kinds very long-lived and very much less prone to attacks of the dread rust which far too often disfigures the other kinds. Sprayings of Bordeaux Mixture repeated several times early in the season are recommended for this disease but I have found the most certain protection is youth. I never keep a plant of the ordinary Hollyhock more than two years. Like all the Mallow tribe they are easily raised from seed and if the old plants are ruthlessly pulled out and burned there will be little trouble with rust. For the rest, light and a free circulation of air and a deeply dug soil, not too rich, are all they demand.

Named Hollyhocks are not common in this country but one may procure seed of lovely kinds from abroad and it is surprising how close they come to the originals. Of course Hollyhocks must be firmly staked if their stately port is to be maintained. A strong bamboo (Continued on page 74)


LaVATERA OLBIA

hibiscus lady stanley
$\mathrm{T}_{\text {HE }}$ Mallow clan, wisely directed, fills a great range of garden purposes. Its members are lovely to look upon, serve well when cut for the house, and are thoroughly desirable in the border or wild garden: indeed, there are few places where one or more species will not succeed. Besides this, many of them blossom in midsummer, that in-between period when so many perennial gardens are sadly deficient in color




$\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{HE}}$ front face of the residence is shown above. Walls are of whitewashed brick and the roof is slate. To the left of the central stair hall are breakfast room and pantry, with the kitchen and garage beyond. At the right is the living room, and a study and an enclosed sun porch are in the adjoining wing
$\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{He}}$ dining room faces to the rear, as do the most important rooms on the second floor. The owner's bedroom connects with a large dressing room and a private bathroom. Two maid's rooms are over the kitchen and garage wing and are reached by a separate stairway which begins in the kitchen


## Where a boundary changes with

 the tides of Long Island Sound

Combining the best decorative traits of

## France and England

The walls in the ballroom of Mr. Condé Nast's New York apartment present the colorful panorama of a Chinese garden -an 18th Century Chien Lung hand-painted wall paper from "Beau Desert," the residence of the Marquess of Anglesey in Wales. Over the Louis XVI brèche violette marble mantel hangs a carved and gilded Chinese Chippendale mirror. At either side of the mirror are carved wood tree appliqués with crystal drops
$\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{N} \text { eight-fold }}$ Chinese screen of black lacquer elaborately decorated in gold is a feature of the petit salon in the same apartment. As a background for a Régence sofa in tapestry "au point" it is seen reflected in the mirror opposite. On the carved console before the mirror is a Louis XVI girandole in bronze and rock crystal. Furniture is mainly Louis XV and Louis XVI. The floor is covered by a fine Savonnerie rug. Elsic de Wolfe, decorator


## What's new in building and equipment



Illuminated cabinet. Illumination directed upon the mirror from screened lamps features a welded steel medicine cabinet by Hoegger Inc. On either side of the central cabinet are glass panels five inches wide and hinged so that they can be adjusted to any position. Light shining through the frosted glass falls evenly upon the face of the person before the mirror. Standard light bulbs are used, and when burned out they may be easily replaced. A mirror door, 20 by 24 inches, conceals the cabinet, which is recessed into the wall partition. Stock finishes are white enamel and stainless steel.


Door closet. To supply additional storage room in a house that is not overburdened with closet space, a cabinet of rigid steel has recently been perfected that may be fastened to either side of an interior door. Quickly and easily attached, the unit imposes no restrictions upon operation of the door, which opens and closes as usual. The Closidor, as the Servidor Co . has named the cabinet, may be easily removed and reset at any time.

A strong chromium-plated spring catch, closing automatically, holds the compartment securely in position against the face of the door. When in this position the cabinet presents the appearance of a superimposed panel. The entire compartment is swung open, to make the interior accessible; a folding metal door stop limits the extent of opening to prevent strain on the hinges. Exterior and interior surfaces are finished in a smooth, long wearing, baked
ivory enamel which harmonizes with most home interiors, and makes an ideal base for any other color desired.

The Closidor is offered in five different types, for use in the bathroom, the kitchen, and as a buffet, a wardrobe or for miscellaneous shelf storage. Despite its less than five inches of depth, storage of household articles is organized and simplified, steps saved, and tidiness promoted by this cabinet. While a uniform height of 71 inches prevails for all styles, widths are variable to accommodate the different widths of stock doors.

Attached to the bathroom side of the door, a unit for this room offers storage space for the many accessories used in that room. Shelving is adapted to the housing of tall bottles, while hooks accommodate the hanging of towels and bags. The kitchen type provides storage space for mops and brooms, together with shelving for miscellaneous cleaning articles. An all shelf model provides seven shallow shelves.

The buffet type is all that its name implies, with ample space for bottles and accessories. A drop leaf table attached is a unique convenience for tea and light refreshment service. This one cabinet is equipped with lock and key. In the wardrobe type is found those facilities common to the bedroom closet. A hat shelf, robe hooks and shoe shelf.


Fire finder. An appliance so sensitive to sudden heat that it will instantly give warning of the smallest fire is now available. It is attached to the ceiling, or hidden from sight behind a grille in the ceiling and by its reaction to the presence of fire will attract attention to the hazard before it has had time to spread. When any sudden rise in room temperature approximates 20 degrees per minute the fire finder will sound an alarm.

A pair of fine silver wires enclosed by a perforated metal tube about one foot in length constitutes the heart of the apparatus. The wires are stretched between two terminals, one of which is of loose contact type. These terminals are connected by

By Gayne T. K. Norton

wiring to a relay and an alarm bell. A low voltage electric current, similar to that used to operate door bells, flows continuously through the closed circuit.

In the presence of sudden heat the fine wires expand more quickly than the metal of the enclosing tube. This results in breaking the circuit at the loose contact terminal, whereupon the alarm bell starts. The bell should be located at the point in the house where it will be most readily heard.

Houses that are unoccupied for long periods, such as summer homes, and the cut-buildings on a large estate, should have a siren placed under the eaves on some corner of the building. This will sound a general outdoor alarm to summon help. The fire finder may be installed in conjunction with sprinkler apparatus, in which event the device will both announce the presence of fire and turn on the water through sprinkler heads in the ceiling. When the heat of the fire has been chilled the electric current is restored and the water turned off automatically. Should the alarm bell fail to attract attention and the fire start up once more, the finder will again turn on the water.

These devices are sufficiently sensitive to protect an open space 40 feet square. Open basements, living rooms and attics are among the important places where this protection is recommended. The McDowell Sprinkler Co. is distributor of the device, which has seen long use in France.


Flexible lighting strip. Installation of continuous lighting in cove ceilings and recesses has been simplified by the recent development of a hollow sheet metal channel strip and cover. The insulated wires connecting the electric outlets, together with the sockets themselves, are placed in this channel strip. All wires are concealed as soon as the cover is snapped in place. The assembled lighting strip may be fastened to wall or ceiling surfaces, or may be supported on hangers across an open space. (Continued on page 75)


## Deutsches week-end haus

The enthusiasm pre-war Germany had for her turnvereins is now directed to the cult of the out-of-doors. During the past few years this nation has become one vast fraternity of sun-worshippers. Every spare moment is spent in the sunexercising, playing or just basking.

From England and America, Germany has acquired the habit of the week-end. Friday night or Saturday morning sees the Berliner on his way to Wannsee or another of the innumerable lake resorts within easy distance. Here häuschens serve as bases of operations until Monday. These are of the simplest, for who will waste time housekeeping when the sun beckons?

In the cottage above, designed by August Breuhaus, Berlin architect who supervised the decoration of S. S. Bremen, is but one large room with rear corners partitioned off for bath and kitchen. The alcove between is occupied by a huge fireplace. At either side of the room are built-in bunks. The color scheme is bright. Canary walls support a vermillion ceiling. Gayly flowered, yellow grounded curtains draw across the great plate glass doors that throw the interior open to the breeze. Furniture, of modern design, is carried out in chromium, black and vermillion.

The site is particularly fortunate-a lovely formal garden which stretches to the water's edge, part of the landscaping of a recently demolished mansion. Before the house are a spacious flagged porch with inviting deck chairs and wicker seats, and a hedge-bordered grass terrace where one may sip cooling drinks under a brilliant vermillion beach umbrella.

A decade ago fish fanciers in the United States (barring the neophyte who kept a fish bowl in the parlor) were few and far between. Nowadays the fad, art or science of the aquarium-minded bids fair to rival the Tulip mania of the 1600 's. Tropical fish, gorgeous hued and of fascinating domestic habits, have lured thousands of amateurs half way into the science of ichthyology. These enthusiasts, scorning the ubiquitous goldfish, buy, trade and breed only the aristocrats of the finny tribe. You can see their finest specimens exhibited at the big fish shows held once or twice a year in New York and Philadelphia where silk-hatted gentlemen amid an atmosphere of tense excitement award medals and blue ribbons.

It is a far cry from the bowl aquarium
of the $90^{\circ}$ s, furnished with a prim Chinese pagoda and a pair of bored goldfish, to the rectangular aquarium of today, all glass or framed in metal, and holding 25 to 30 tropical fish of various species. No doubt improvement in the design of aquaria is due to a realization that the fish tank need not be an eye-sore, that it may even find its place in the decorative scheme of a room. Exotic fish are fascinating to watch-that constant, often almost imperceptible, movement of fin and tail, the corruscating colors as they cruise from the shadow of an aquatic plant through a patch of sunny water, their sudden changes of mood. Undeniably these creatures have an allure. On entering an unoccupied drawing-room we may admire its proportions, decorations, furniture; but an aqua-


PTEROPHYLLUM SCALARE
rium at the window draws us like a magnet. Possibly the secret of this strange attraction is our instinctive response to life and motion, our preference for beauty that is animate.

One might suppose that nothing could be simpler than keeping a few fish in an aquarium, and indeed goldfish are pets that need very little attention. Tropical fish, on the other hand, require considerable thought and care, especially at first. For instance, it is fatal to fill a tank direct from the tap. Ordinary faucet water should stand in buckets for several weeks to become completely de-chlorinated before it is a fit medium for fish. Then there is the matter of temperature to consider. This should be between 70 and 75 degrees. A lower temperature is almost certain to cause disease. At spawning time the temperature should be increased to 75 or 80 degrees.

Unless the water becomes foul and gives off an offensive odor it should never be changed. Provided there are sufficient aquatic plants (Vallisneria and Sagittaria are the easiest grown and most useful), and provided the tank is not over-stocked or the fish over-fed so that excess food decomposes on the sandy or gravel bottom, there need be no fear of fouling. Aquatic plants are essential because fish extract the oxygen from the water and exhale carbon dioxide; plants reverse this process, reoxygenating the water. Of course decaying plants are as harmful as any other decomposing substance and should immediately be removed. Some aquarists aerate their tanks artificially, using a small air pump attached to an electric light fixture; they


XIPHOPHORUS HELLERI


BETTA SPLENDENS

## By Drake de Kay

believe that the additional oxygen is conducive to health and accelerated growth
Snails are invaluable as scavengers; they eat the refuse on the bottom of the tank and the algae that fog the glass sides. Among the varieties most commonly used are the African or Paper-shelled, the Black Japanese and the Australian Red snail.

A convenient size aquarium large enough for 25 or 30 fish measures only 18 by 9 inches base and ten inches high, with a water content of 7 or 8 gallons. It is good practice to cover the top with a sheet of glass, raised about a quarter of an inch above the rim, in order to prevent fish from jumping out and dust and dirt from getting into the tank

While there are several kinds of dry fish foods (Geha and Wawil, German preparations, are the most popular brands) that can be used regularly, it is advisable to vary the diet occasionally with live foods -Enchytrae (thread-like worms), mosquito larvae, flies, Infusoria, Daphnia. Aquatic dealers carry supplies of these live foods in season; but one can breed Infusoria in one's own aquarium. Infusoria are animalcules that germinate in decaying substances. One need only place a leaf of stale lettuce on the surface of the water and in about five davs the Infusoria appear. Newly hatched fish thrive on them.

In winter one feeding per week suffices, but in summer this may be increased to a daily ration. However, a week's fast does no harm and the tendency is to over-feed rather than to under-feed.

There are, of course, diseases to guard against, of which (Continued on page 70)


SCALARE OR ANGEL FISH



## Abundant color in Southwestern gardens and

## the plants that provide it

By Marian \& Margaret Scruggs


[^4]$\mathrm{D}_{\text {IRECTLY }}$ above, a suggestion for a glowing golden corner where, though but four species are used, there is good contrast

Color! The very word is magic, illusive and delightful, intimately expressive of emotional reaction to external stimulus. All the possibilities from the flamboyance of exuberance through gayety to quiet repose, or the subtle suggestion of tranquil content, register an appeal to the senses through combinations or shades of color. What a vast field for selfexpression, individuality and exquisite delight!

The secret of charm lies largely in the uses to which one puts this powerful agent, color. Consciously or unconsciously the timbre of the mental state is definitely reflected in the passive acceptance of surroundings, or in the wilful choice, clever adaptations, or deliberate selection of color, both in the adornment of one's person and in the home with its setting, the grounds and garden.

A garden that expresses or emphasizes a single dominant thought or feeling has been judged the height of garden art. It may be quiet or bold, unassuming or gay, florid or demure; in fact, the range is as wide as the complexity of emotional appeal suggests. With the season its mood may be refreshingly varied, yet preserve intact its dominant characteristic, that which is indicative of its designer's personality.

In adapting that fact which the Orientals have long rec-ognized-that is, that green is the color which engenders repose and relaxation from tension-wise Southwestern gardeners provide expanse of lawns and vine-covered arbors or trellises, as well as shade trees and groupings of shrubs for boundary or foundation planting. When one chooses a garden of predominant green, a certain graceful dignity is always present which requires that width of paths, borders and central grass-plot which creates the illusion of, or is in actuality, spaciousness. The treatment with an all-green, as with any single color, may be formal or informal at will, dependent on the selection of plants and bearing in mind that the use of any neutral shade, or the paler tones, in the distance creates greater illusion of remoteness. Far objects appear hazy; there-
 spective invariably be lengthened.

## Old tavern signs-a new hobby for collectors

By Walter A. Dyer


A,BOWEN'S INN

$\mathrm{T}_{\text {HE }}$ various signboards illustrating this article are shown through the courtesy of M. B. Brainard, George C. Dempsey, Russell Grinnell and Ulysses G. Brown
$I_{\mathrm{v}}$ the slow-going but picturesque days when the only means of travel across country was by horse or coach, the weary and hungry traveler was cheered at nightfall by the sight of a pictorial hanging signboard which told of rest and refreshment for man and beast. Not only were the larger towns well supplied with inns and ordinaries, but these houses of entertainment were scattered along all the main post roads and stagecoach routes, so that no traveler need suffer from either hunger or thirst if he had the price. Long ago these creaking and weatherbeaten signs were taken down to make way for more modern devices, but of late they have acquired a classification and value as antiques and have been brought down from dusty attics to grace museums and private collections.
The pictorial sign, for both the tavern and the shop, dates back to the days when comparatively few people, even of the upper classes, were able easily to read the printed word. In those days the picture told the story more readily and informed the unlettered that the inn they were approaching was "The King's Arms" or "The Cheshire Cheese" or "The Boar's Head." There was no need for a printed sign if the picture was sufficiently obvious. And for a century after illiteracy had begun to decrease, the ancient custom of identifying a tavern by means of a pictorial sign was continued.
Not only was this the common custom in both the old world and the new; in many cases it was obligatory. Charles $I$, in the Charter of London, decreed that "It may and shall be lawful to the citizens of the same city to expose and hang in and over the streets and ways and alleys signs and posts of signs, affixed to their houses and shops for the better finding out such citizens' dwellings, shops, arts, or occupations."

The custom was brought over to this country early in the 17 th Century by the first settlers, together with the predilection for partaking of alcoholic beverages in a public place, and we find provisions for the use of signs in the early colonial records. Taverns in New England were early governed by rules and restrictions and the landlords were licensed. In Salem, Mass., in 1645 it was ordered that "there be sett up some inoffensive sign obvious for direction to strangers," while in the same year the courts of Rhode Island ordered all tavern keepers to "cause to be sett out a convenient Signe at ye most conspicuous place of ye said house, therely to give
notice to strangers yt is a house of publick entertainment and this to be done with all convenient speed."
Not only was the custom imported from England and Holland, but the general style of the signs and the names and pictures employed were reproduced with more or less exactness, possibly with a view to making the exile in a strange land feel more at home. Nearly all the earlier tavern names and signs in this country had their prototypes in England.
A cursory study of the old signs is sufficient to show that there was no standard style, no rule governing size or outline. The most popular form, perhaps, was the upright oblong, with scroll top and bottom, but many other forms were employed. including the plain horizontal oblong and the square, and there seems to have been some attempt to secure variety instead of uniformity. The signs were usually constructed of boards and were hung by irons from horizontal wooden arms attached to house, post or tree, so that they swung in the wind. Sometimes the arm was of wrought iron; sometimes the sign was set in a frame on top of a post. The emblem and usually the name of the proprietor were painted in bright colors which have naturally faded with time and weather. More often than not the devices were different on the two sides of the sign. Often these pictures had some significance, though frequently they were quite meaningless and apparently intended only to catch the eye and remain in the memory.

The collector of old tavern signs finds his greatest interest, perhaps, in the variety of the subjects depicted. Imported directly from England in colonial days were various devices proclaiming loyalty to the British sovereign. One of the first was the King's Arms, kept by Hugh Gunnison in Boston as early as 1642. The King's Head, illustrated by a more or less accurate portrait, was a very common name. Cromwell's Head and portraits of William Pitt and Generals Wolfe, Amherst and Montgomery also suggested patriotic or political leanings, while Shakespeare would seem to connote a literary bent on the part of the landlord. St. George was found on more than one American tavern sign, as well as the Queen's Head, the Admiral's Head, and King George and his coat-of-arms.

After the Revolution there were stubborn old Tories among the landlords who refused for a time to change their signs, but for the most (Contimued on page 68)



Connecticut presents a

Spanish walled garden

Spantsi influence predominates in the Greenwich, Conn. garden of Mrs. Lee Garnett Day. The tea house was designed by Davidson \& Constable; Polhemus \& Coffin did the walls. Louise Payson, landscape architect
$\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{HE}}$ central feature of the square garden adjoining the house is an octagonal fountain pool with cement sides and stone coping. The four quarters of the garden, separated by cobbled paths, are defined by Box

$\mathrm{T}_{\text {EE }}$ view across the arcaded terrace discloses the Gourds and other climbers trained over the cement. On the garden walls themselves are flowering vines and espaliered fruits


$\mathrm{A}_{\text {Rose }}$ covered arcade at the north side of the square garden separates it from the landscaped and lawn part of the grounds. The low brick bench along the wall is an adaptation from medieval precedent. A brick walk leads to the long garden beyond

THE Day garden is divided into two main parts-a square area which immediately adjoins the house, and a larger, long garden which is reached by either of two entrance doorways. One end of this larger space is featured by a tea house and arcades

Good taste hand in

## hand with economy

Completing the sofa group is an effective wall decoration of a photomural which was photographed from a gouache painting and colored by hand. The sofa is in cherry red and eggshell striped satin, enormously effective against the white background. White Directoire chairs are in yellow damask; lamp shades and accessories are mainly white
$\mathrm{O}_{\text {ppostre }}$ the dining end is this convenient desk group with the beautiful Palladian window serving as background. The wing chair is covered in eggshell moire trimmed with yellow fringe and the stool is in the same striped satin as the sofa. Decorative wall paper panels showing the Muses conceal the doors in the four corners of the room

$\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{HE}}$ sophistication and good taste displayed throughout the inside of the house have been carried into the furnishings of the terrace and garden at the back. White painted iron is used on the terrace; the other pieces are white and yellow wicker, with cushions in green permatex, piped in white. All the furnishings are from W. \& J. Sloane


## The Gardener's Calendar for December

This Calendar of the gardener's labors is planned as a reminder for taking up all his tasks in their proper seasons. It is fitted to the climate of the Middle States, but may be made available for the whole country if, for every one hundred miles north or south, allowance is made for a difference of from five to seven days later or earlier
in the time of carrying out the operations. The dates are for an average season

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (2) First Quarter Full Moon, 1 <br> $\mathbb{C}$ Last Quarter, New Moon, 2 | day, evening, E. day, evening, E. day, evening, W. day, morning, E. | First Week: Earl <br> Second Week: C <br> Third Week: Mo <br> Fourth Week: | tumn weather. nd blustery. arly autumn. c pot-pourri. | 1. All the cane not laid down for the winter should be tied so that they will not be whipped about and lroken by storns. should be similarly trase which are in to cations exposed to the sweep of heany winds. | 2. The first part the best time to sow the coldframe. They lie dormant over the in the spring. Keep the frames shacted ed so as to keep the if frozen until March. if poosiblet | 3. Suet, Sunflowseed are among the the winter birds. the winter birds. antly in spots pro- tected from snow and sleet. Suet is best fastened to tree trunks seeds placed on the ground or a p fecding tray. |
|  | 5. Dwart fruit nual winter pruning. which may be started shorten by one-third the upward growth of type of tree, which is for use on small properties, may be obreliable nurseries. | 6. Fairly well. manure is an excel. leat wimer manntins. Spread it evenly and not more than incles the the on the average. In the spring. ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{of}$ eourser raked up and removed or forked in- to the soil around the plants. | 7. Garden ornanacrete or metal urns or jars, thai may should be emptied and then covered to pre- vent their filling. freezing and breakwell protected by two <br>  them, will not freeze. | 8. Although Ap. other fruits of many sorts can the stured a cool part of the odileal sorting over lest decay start in und spread. If inspection frult. $\begin{gathered}\text { sighthly } \\ \text { remove } \\ \text { uffocted } \\ \text { it }\end{gathered}$ rrult. onere. | 9. The coldframe son can be considerably prolonged if the with regular straw mats or loose hay to For real winter resuits, Houxh, nouming tion of one of the electrict wire heating systems. | 10. If the ground still have a chance to gather up any dead tlower stalks that are lert and burn them. den sanitation. Cornstalks should always a clean-up. as they may De harhoring destructive borers or |
| 11. Seed flats lose mal period of life if around on the ground orer the winter: deatey do desersed with boilling water to kill inseet may be on them, and some dry outbullding until spring. | 12. House plants <br> In abuidance day. Yrotect esery from direet drafts and freezing, but don't hesitate to set them out for an warmish days. Both he applied consistent$\underset{\substack{\text { ly } \\ \text { spring rom returns. }}}{\text { now }}$ | 13. Mhubarb cun be warm $\begin{gathered}\text { folae or in } \\ \text { cellar it the }\end{gathered}$ . roots are planted in boxes erately moist. Provide <br>  is necessary, however. really frozen at least onee before being dug doors for forcing. | 14. Getting the vegetable seetion of the erreenhouse im - plies suevession planting of radishes. Beans and other casy krowers. Fresh crops <br>  throughout the witer and early sprink. if desired. | 15. Liquild manure house-plant stimulant. It is prepared by put- ting freah manure, or pulverized sheep manure, in it fags and hours not water. nit have it not strong; juve le th be the lit color of weak rea darker than this, better dilute it. | 16. Boxwood and less hardy evergreens will sum-seald durless they are protectstalks or everreren ,oughr, is really the effect of warm sun- <br>  hard freezing. | 17. 1 nsects unmean the death of house-plants. 0 or o e <br>  similarly, sort- -hoctied pests is a soap solu- tion tinctured with nicotine and sprayed on There are several <br>  for the various kinds of pests. |
| 18. Several good stimulants are manu the garden Indoors. They are clean. eass about quick results. orted of such stimulation than do thelr karden several obisious, obrar sons. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 19. sucesseul mushroomgrow- } \\ & \text { ing hinges upon good } \\ & \text { spawn, the right bed } \\ & \text { and correct tempera- } \\ & \text { ture and moisture at } \\ & \text { the right time. The } \\ & \text { experiment is well } \\ & \text { worth trying, provided } \\ & \text { you can supply just } \\ & \text { the right conditions. } \\ & \text { Otherwise, it gener- } \\ & \text { ally proves to, be a a } \\ & \text { waste of time. } \end{aligned}$ | 20. Deciduous tree planting can be done as long as the kround is unfrozen. A heary mulch will extend the the frost from both old and new, After plantes, At advisable to mulch vent underground freezing for a whille. | 21. Broken $\mathrm{an}_{\mathrm{n}}^{\mathrm{d}}$ <br> ought tead be ranches from to the temored Tram the trees now while other outdoor work is virtually ${ }^{\text {at }}$ a standstifl. Use at an good saw for clean not to rip or in any way injure the ter mainink bark. lest hend decay ensuc. | 22. Growing Lillesdecorative bowls is the effort. Get the "plps" $\begin{gathered}\text { Which } \\ \text { sold } \\ \text { spectally } \\ \text { for }\end{gathered}$ for this purpose, and plant them in fibre. Many florists sell them already planted in at. ously saving time and effort. | 23. There fo pracwell as pleasure in ${ }^{4}$ beok. Going over it at this season will fur- nish many good ideas for next year and pose of refreshing your mind on those various polnts which should be buarded thuinst in the future. against in the future. | 24. Peony plantnever be heavis mullhed. If the crowns of the plants are more than three inches be- low free air the stalks are likely to without good buds. If a mamure mumens apit is only around the crowns, not over them. |
| 25. $\underset{\text { The }}{\mathrm{Th} i \mathrm{istmas} \text { tree }} \mathrm{Ming}$ now obtainable from more sutisfactory than the old cut knnat out. can be planted out doors after the holl- dass are over. The Douglas Fir is one of kinds, being dense. trong and of pleas ing color. | 26. $\underset{\text { Santer }}{\mathrm{S} \text { Jose }}$, and scales. thase pests of the orchard and some shrubbery. require winter spraying strong ortion or soluble oil. The spray should be warm. windless day. to assure pood coveres and twigs. | 27. Low-lying areas grounds. 4 en en nd the they are planted with oucht to be provided with drains to carry off winter rains. An ofr open trench may serve and in an emerwency , un- it a a revular yysen can be installed for permanent service. | 28. A stiff brush plled is murh better than harsh scraping <br>  laryae trom the bark of tree-trunks. If suet is attached to the trunk it often attracts nuthathes and other many of the larvae a a side-dish. | 29. The litile plant garden are the likely to to suffer severely during the winter unloss evergreen boughs are phared over them to ${ }^{\text {pherent }}$ preece thawing and rain washng. meadow hay is sinother good covering material for rock as well as other types of gardens. | 30. Silvery - white ing o the dried seed stalks of trenty are stalk of winnestyow decorations. Honesty that is easily grown in the garden. Its most of the large houses and may be planted early in the spring. | 31. Over - Watering should be rearred against. as it is likely to lead to sour soll that is insurficiently ing once a week is every day. Apply it drips from the drainage hole in the bot- tom of the pot. |

## Old Doc Lemmon proceeds to settle a popular argument

"Gener'ly speakin', I ain't got much use for these here scientists, nor I don't put no stock in most ${ }^{\circ}$ ' whut they hev to say. There's lots o' things on this old earth, I calc'late, thet can't be sot down in figgers an' funny lookin' lines. Ye can't make me b'lieve thet readin', writin' an' 'rithmetic are whut make the world go 'round.
'Take the climate, f'rinstance. 'Cordin' to whut I see in the papers, them scientific fellers all 'low as how it h'ain't changin'-just b'cause they say so, far's I can make out. Some of 'em sets down strings o' figgers to prove their p'int, an' some don't set down nothin' only their own opinion. None of 'em, far's I know, hes any argyment thet'll stand up ag'in whut us farmers out here in the back country knows to be the real facts.
"I've lived 'round this neck o' the woods all my life, an' I want to tell ye right now thet the weather we've been hevin' for the last five-six year ain't nothin' like whut I was brung up to, Dry summers, open winters, late springs, an' autumns thet stay warm ontil, by golly, ye think
there ain't never goin' to be no ice no morethere ain't never goin the be no ice no more-
no sir, t'warn't like thet fifty year ago, nor forty, nor twenty.
"'Course, we've allus hed a dry summer now an' ag'in, or a mild winter. But mighty nigh ev'ry time thet happened the next one was a buster in t'other direction. As a matter o' fact, we gener'ly didn't hev to wait more'n a few months for things to be brung back to the average-wet summer, open winter, was one o' the good old rules thet growed out $o^{\prime}$ the facts in the case, year after year. We never heard o' science in them days, so us farmers done our own figgerin', an' I tell ye we got along a sight better'n we do now,
"Don't git the idee thet we ever b'lieved in them fool notions like the color of a goose's wingbone provin' we was in for a hard winter, or thet the number o' times a coon-hound turns 'round afore he lays down shows when the next rain's a-comin'. Them's just sayin's thet, like as not, the city slickers thought up theirselves to make us look ridic'lous-anyway, no-
buddy never put no 'count on 'em in my time. The things we go by are the things we know by goin' through 'em, an' when ye stop an' think thet ev'rythin' a farmer does depends on the weather, it's purty clear thet he knows more 'bout the plain facts than some four-eyed city scientist who never scraped cow manure off'n his boot heels nor poured a kittle o' hot water down the pump to thaw her out nor swung a scythe all day 'round the edges of a hayfield.
"So when I says thet the climate's changin", I says so b'cause I've got eyes to see with an' a hide to feel with an' a head thet remembers how diff'rent things used to be. I dunno if it's on account o' the Gulf Stream movin', or the sun gittin' more freckles, or the raddio, or prohibition, or whut-let the scientists figger thet out, if they're so gol-derned smart. But whut I do know is this: for five summers my well's been lower than for sixty year, an' we ain't hed the snowplow out since 1927, an' we've l'arned to wait ontil nigh Decoration Day afore we plant the corn."


Eat Soup and Keep Well

Christmas dinner internationale

## SCREENS



A gracefully portrayed willow tree and heron motif is in striking contrast to the dull gold background in this interesting Japanese screen. Since the 15th Century Oriental screens have been the medium of many leading artists. Japanese screens depict with characteristic direct simplicity natural subjects of birds, trees and flowers. Chinese screens of lacquer or painted silk are more elaborate in their delineation of figures, palaces and scenes.

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bage allow one large onion. Fry slowly, until transparent, in 2 tablespoonfuls of butter, stirring in 1 tablespoonful of flour until it bubbles. Then turn in the cabbage. The moisture adhering to the cabbage, together with the fried onion and flour mixture, will make a creamy dressing.
In Poland, the Christmas Eve supper is awaited with exceptional interest for this is the main feast of the Christmas holidays in that land. It consists of from five to eleven courses and the menu is traditional. This supper invariably begins with a soup, which is usually barszcz or beet soup. This is followed by many courses of baked, boiled and broiled fish of all sizes, and vegetables, especially cabbage. Another traditional dainty is a long stick of rich bread filled with poppy seeds.

## poland

It is a duty and a joy for Polish families to sit down together to this Christmas Eve feast. A beautiful and touching ceremony connected with the supper is the breaking of the holy wafers, or oplatek, by the head of the house. Oplatek is broken with each member of the family and each servant, and when this solemn ceremony is over there is much embracing and exchange of affectionate greeting.
From Madame Filipowicz, wife of the Ambassador of Poland, came the source of this recipe for Beet Soup.
Barszcz: The foundation of this delicious and healthful food is kwas, which is the sour liquor obtained from fermented beets, and good meat stock. To make the kwas take six large red beets, wash and peel them, cut into thick slices, and place in a stone or earthen jar. Cover them completely with lukewarm water and place the jar in a warm place which will allow for fermentation. Cover the jar with a protecting piece of cheese-cloth or muslin. Lift the covering and skim the kwas as necessary. In four days it should be sufficiently sour to use. A piece of sour bread in the jar will hurry the souring process. It should be tasted to insure that it is sufficiently sour. Pour it off the beets into bottles and store in a cool place until needed. (Do not keep more than two weeks.)

The stock is usually made with beef and a smaller amount of ham, hambones or sausage. When the meat comes to a boil with a covering of water, skim carefully and add thinly cut carrots, sliced onions, short lengths of celery, minced parsley and small beets sliced. The amount of vegetables to be used depends upon the amount of meat. It should be made as one usually makes a favorite vegetable soup. Boil all slowly until the goodness is extracted from the meat and bones. The broth should be strong and tasty. Skim and add to the stock sufficient kwas to give a desired sourness. (Again, taste alone will determine this.) Let all this come to just a boil and remove from fire. Strain and return the beets only. If the color is not bright red, grate a beet into a sieve and pour the barszcz through this. This is the clear barszcz that is universally served in Poland. At a formal dinner it is usually served after the hors d'oeuvres, in cups, together with delicate bits of French pastry.

Barszcz with cream: This is a more substantial soup than clear barszcz. It is made by adding to the clear barszcz sour cream mixed with a small amount of flour. For every six persons to be served take $1 / 2$ pint of good sour cream, mix it well with a scant $1 / 2$ tablespoonful of flour. Add slowly to the hot barszcz, stirring well all the time. Cook for one minute and it is ready to serve.
A real Danish Christmas dinner, says Madame de Wadsted, wife of the Minister of Denmark, consists of riceporridge, roast goose stuffed with prunes and apples, served with vegetables, such as potatoes and red cabbage, and for dessert, Danish apple cake with whipped cream. When the rice-porridge is being served an almond is hidden in one of the portions and the one who happens to get the almond is entitled to an extra Christmas gift.
Here is a recipe for real Danish apple cake with whipped cream: Make a thick, sweet apple sauce, spiced with cinnamon. Next, roll some rusks until they are crumbly (graham crackers may be substituted for rusks), put the rusks and a little sugar and butter in a shallow pan and place under a flame to brown slightly, watching carefully so that the sugar will not burn. When sufficiently browned, take from the flame and put a layer of sugared rusks in a baking dish, then add a layer of the apple sauce, alternating until the dish is filled. Set in refrigerator. For serving, decorate with whipped cream and a few spoonfuls of tart jelly.
Turkey is the traditional Christmas dish in Greece, says Madame Simopoulos, wife of the Minister of Greece. However, the stuffing for the bird is entirely different from any we are accustomed to making. Madame Simopoulos gives the method for preparing the stuffing. Fry cubes of bread in butter until slightly brown, then add chestnuts and Greek currants. These ingredients are thoroughly mixed and then stuffed into the turkey and it is roasted as usual. The proportions for the recipe are: one loaf of bread, cubed, one-fourth pound of butter, one and one-half cups chestnuts (boiled and peeled), one cup Greek currants. A sweet much prized on a Greek menu at holiday times is a very delicious, rich waffle over which honey is poured.

## persia

In Persia the greatest national holiday feast comes on New Year's Day. Madame Azodi, wife of the Minister of Persia, says there are several special dishes for this occasion but the one that is used most frequently is sabzipilau. To prepare this dish take one tablespoonful of rice for each person to be served. Wash well and cook slowly in butter (one ounce butter for each tablespoonful rice), together with diced vegetables such as celery, carrots, tomatoes and especially garlic, the amount of vegetables depending upon the number of persons to be served. This usually allows one carrot, one tomato, one piece of celery for each person, and one-half clove garlic for six persons. This dish is cooked slowly until done, adding a small amount of water if it is inclined to be too dry. Salt and pepper are added at the last.

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Our Christmas portfolio of shops opens with a page of children's gifts which will spare your pocketbook while they let you spoil the child. On the three pages which follow you'll find a last-minute résumé of good buys for grown-ups to help you fill the empty spaces on your shopping list. Make your purchases from the shops, mailing either checks or money-orders to the addresses mentioned. Place your orders as early as possible

To someone who's celebrating a first Christmas a pillow is a most important part of life and one of down like that below, in a fine linen slip, finds a very soft spot in his heart. The slips, with scalloped edges, are hand-embroidered in pink and blue. You can take your choice of decorations-a chicken in gay cloak and bonnet or a buoyant clown with a balloon. Price of satincovered, down pillow, $\$ 2.95$; pillow slips, $\$ 1.95$, each. From the Maison de Linge, 844 Madison Avenue, New York.

$Y_{\text {oung }}$ ladies of fashion will welcome a brand new umbrella to protect their holiday headgear. The handles of those below are tremendously smart and whether you choose the duck or the frog or the sparrow you'll find they all shed water alike. Of polished wood they are fashioned by a talented Russian carver. The fabric of the umbrella is a strong, durable weave of silk and linen and may be had either in blue or brown. 29 inches in diameter. 22-inch-long stick. \$5 each. Childhood, Inc., 32 East 65th Street, New York.


$\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{HE}}$ plump little woman above has rolled up the sleeves of her red bodice in a businesslike fashion and is all ready to tackle the lighting problem in any corner of childhood. Though she's made of pottery you needn't fear for her safety. She's a steady-going, well-balanced person who won't be upset no matter how many nursery flurries there are. The shade is of checked linen and may be had either in red and white or blue and white. 8 inches in diameter. Base, 7 inches tall. The price, complete, $\$ 3.95$. From Alice Starr, 224 East 57 th Street, New York.

$\mathrm{G}_{\text {IVE that }}$ youthful impresario in your family a real theatre to develop his talents in. Illustrated above is a puppet theatre which will fit comfortably on a bridge table and in which real plays can be staged. The actors operate simply by hand instead of by string. Painted blue, with gilt trim, it is equipped with two sets of curtains and a twocolor lighting attachment. $\$ 10$. This includes a pamphlet of plays. Puppet characters among them Red Riding Hood, Jack and Jill, a clown, a pirate and a witch, are $\$ 1.50$ each. For further information about this practical and instructive toy write Rag Bag Alley Puppets, 128 Christopher Street, New York.

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One thing of which Italy boasts today, for which Mussolini cannot claim credit, is the delightful modern pottery made by Lenci, whose whimsical creations are famous the world over. At the right is a bonbon box in the typical Lenci manner. About the sides flows the Grand Canal bearing the gondola of a lovely lady. Blue and mauve blend upon a black background. Three doves rest upon the lid. Price is $\$ 12.50$. Filled with sweetmeats, I can picture no more ingratiating gift for a popular hostess. Gerard, 270 Park Avenue, New York

$\mathrm{A}_{\text {Nother gift for the problematic male }}$ is pictured at the right. Here is an interesting variation of the "liquid" gift -an ice bucket that offers a pleasing change from the perennial cocktail shaker donation. Made of clear glass it is modelled in a simple classic formit has small, decorative handles either side. A good-looking three-letter monogram incorporates the personal touch. 5 inches in diameter. With icetongs, $\$ 4.50$, including monogram From the New Motif Shop, 128 East 60th Street, New York. When ordering. to avoid errors, be sure to specify which is the first, middle and last initial


A wn still the monograms go on-on $^{\text {and }}$ glass, on metal and on cloth. There seems to be no end to their popularity or the uses to which they may be put. Those bridge fiends you know will bless you for a monogrammed card table cover and monogrammed playing cards, like those at the right. The cover is of suède cloth, moistureproof so that it may be washed as often as necessary and glasses of liquid refreshment need not be taboo. It is $291 / 2$ inches square and may be had in tan, red, green or blue. $\$ 3.25$ with lettering. $\$ 1$, undecorated. The cards are in sets of red and blue, and orange and green. $\$ 1.15$ for two packs. To be had from William G.Streeter, 841 Madison Avenue, New York


It's a precarious business, choosing : pipe for a man. Play safe-don't try to separate him from his old one, but give him a handsome tobacco jar, instead. You can see the sort of thing I mean in the illustration at the left. Made of pewter it is an excellent example of Oriental craftsmanship, supremely simple in line, a small carnelian knob on the lid. This is $\$ 25$ and comes from Yamanaka «̌ Co., 680 Fifth Avenue, New York. If you want to really splurge, you might give him an entire set-including the pewter raatchbox, a miniature carnelian bunny atop it, and the pewter shell ashtray with carnelian feet. The matchbox is $\$ 10$; the ashtray, $\$ 3.50$


Now that a lot of nice people can't afford to go any place, nights, but home. a Christmas present for the good old hearthstone is not inappropriate. With this idea in mind I selected the rug at the left, which, although it is hooked, is so finely made that it closely resembles needlepoint. Executed for the most part in dull browns and greens and yellows, the design depicts important scenes from the history of the State of Virginia, including the surrender of Cornwallis, a scene in Jamestown harbor, and the old powder house at Williamsburg, scene of the first armed uprising against royal tyranny in Virginia A view of a typical Colonial interior occupics the center. Perfect for an Early American sitting room, this unusual floor covering measures 30 by 50 inches. The price is $\$ 30$. Order from Laura Copenhaver, Rosemont, Marion, Va



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$\mathbf{A}_{\text {T THE right }}$ is a group of indispensable adjuncts to a successful card party. In the top row are three new recruits to the Anti-Prohibition League, three popular highball glasses who'll staunchly support the cause. From left to right, polo, on the merry-go-round, and tennis. Each costs \$15. a dozen. Pitt Petri, Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, New York. The bridge cards, below the glasses, are in two smart new designsat the left, the New Yorker; at the right, Pour Le Sport. Price, 94 c for double deck. From R. H. Macy, 34th Street and Broadway, New York


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$I_{F}$ HE'D rather ride to hounds than anything else under the sun, the drinking paraphernalia at the left is for him, the rounded sides depicting the harrowing experiences of a young lady who went adriving one day with a fox scarf about her throat and what happened when she chanced upon a party of hunters. Each of the glasses is individually decorated. Decanter and six glasses, \$15. Abercrombie \& Fitch, Madison Avenue at 45th Strect, New York



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Old tavern signs-a new hobby
part the British heads promptly disappeared to give place to portraits of Washington, Franklin, Lafayette, Putnam, Hancock and other personages of the time. Washington inns, indeed, were innumerable.
Portraiture of a less specific sort ornamented the signs of many taverns. There were 'Turks' heads and the heads of Indian chiefs, as well as horsemen, soldiers and sailors.
Other landlords preferred heraldic and emblematic devices, such as coats-of-arms, the rose and crown, the crown alone, the lion and unicorn, the crowned lion, the fleur-de-lis, etc. A green dragon hung before the tavern in Boston in which the Sons of Liberty held their meetings.

After the Revolution the monarchical emblems gave place to various devices representing liberty, including the Phrygian cap and the head of the goddess. The eagle spread his wings and screamed and the crown on the head of the lion was painted out. American frigates celebrated naval victories and the thirteen stars entered into the decorative scheme.

Many of the masonic lodges, for lack of suitable halls, held their meetings in taverns, and some of the landlords eatered to them to the extent of adding masonic symbols to their signs. Temperance inns became popular with a certain class of customers about the middle of the 19th Century and their signs were calculated to depict the pure joys of total abstinence. In that age of equestrian travel the horse of course figured largely on the tavern signs. Single horses at rest or in action, horses with grooms, mounted horsemen, the horse and hounds, and the stagecoach were often employed. In the seaports, where sailors taverns abounded, the signs were calculated to appeal to the mariner ashore, who was evidently expected to be uncommonly thirsty. There were ships, anchors, dolphins, coils of rope, and jolly seamen on these signs, and various legends and devices.

Miscellaneous subjects, which fall under no special classification, were to be seen on tavern signs here and there about the countryside, such as the bush, the tree, the sheaf of wheat and the bunch of grapes. Anvils, saddles, horseshoes, castles, the punch bowl, pewter platter, teapot, bell, ball, sun and stars were all chosen by inventive landlords and aspiring sign painters. The bunch of grapes appeared not only painted on the wooden sign but also modeled in baked clay.

The old tavern signs, while quaint,
seldom exhibited much artistic quality Now and then one runs across a well painted scene, portrait or animal, and it is known that a few eminent painters did not disdain to execute their work on a board. Benjamin West painted several tavern signs in and near Philadelphia, and in Massachusetts signs have been attributed Gilbert Stuart and both Peales. they rarely bear a signature, this a tribution is not certain, but it is ev dent that a master's hand was en ployed on rare occasions.
For the most part, however, the old tavern signs were painted by amateurs or pseudo-professionals. Very little is known of any of them. There were in those days itinerant artistspainters of portraits and landscapeswho were probably engaged by landlords to provide them with suitable signs. Ship painters, coach painters, sign painters and jacks-of-all-trades appear to have tried their hands at the art with greater or less success, and it may well be that in many cases the landlords saved the price by performing the function himself.
In addition to the pictorial representation, the old signs usually bore some lettering-often the name of the proprietor and sometimes the name of the inn and the date. Most interesting perhaps are those which bear some legend, rhymed or otherwise. "Meat for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, lodging for the beast" was the legend which, with many variations, appeared on numerous signs, while some of them emphasized the excellence of the beer and wine, though flip and toddy were probably the more popular beverages.
The following rhymes, taken for the most part from Alice Morse Earle's Stage Coach and Tavern Days, are among the more amusing
The Yellow Cottage, Philadelphia"Rove not from sign to sign, but stop in here,
Where naught exceeds the prospect but the beer.
Beehive Tavern, Philadelphia"Here in this hive we're all alive, Good liquor makes us funny. If you are dry, step in and try The flavor of our honey.
Appearing in Boston and Philadelphia, as well as in England, with a picture of a tree, a bird, a ship, and a mug of beer-
"This is the tree that never grew, This is the bird that never flew, This is the ship that never sailed, (Continued on page 70)

## Description of silver shown on page 22

On the shelf underneath the star are charming pieces if you are looking for a small gift with great distinction. These sets of cream pitcher and sugar bowl, two with ebony handles, come from Georg Jensen. On the next shelf is a gravy boat in the handsome St. George pattern from Reed \& Barton. The low fluted bowl, so very useful, is Gorham silver, and the comport next is the new Coronet design of Rogers, Lunt \& Bowlen. The shelf helow holds a modern pitcher with
chony handle from Jensen, a graceful bowl in the Coronet design showing the smart beaded effect on the edge, Rogers, Lunt \& Bowlen; a decorative shell dish and 18 th Century candelabrum from Gorham and a footed bowl in the delicate Lotus pattern of Watson. The beautiful Georgian after-dinner coffee pot at the extreme right, one of a complete service, and the Early American tea set below, in the Fairfax design, are from Black, Starr \& Frost-Gorham, Inc. The salad bowl is from Jensen.

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Tropical fish become parlor pets

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the most common are indigestion, fungus, rickets and the itch. The lastmentioned, a parasite disease, can be detected by the appearance of pinpoint white dots and by the effort of the fish to scrape off the parasite by rubbing against the sides or bottom of the tank. A 2 per cent mercurochrome solution, two drops to a gallon, has proved effective.
Immersion of newly purchased fish in a weak solution of permanganate before adding them to the aquarium stock is good insurance against disease. This precaution should also be taken in the case of plant additions.
Among the more popular types of tropical fish are the long lived Pterophyllum Scalare or Angel Fish-silver colored with vertical black stripings, long crescent-shaped dorsal and ventral fins and a glint of red in the eye. Some attain a length of ten inches, but the typical aquarium specimen when full-grown does not exceed four.
The complete aquarist is apt to be proudest of his Bettas, the most brilliantly colored and beautifully formed of aquarium fish, with magnificent long tails. Cornflower blue, orchid, brown, red, sea-green-the coloration of the several varieties of Betta Splendens seems to run the gamut of the chromatic scale. In Siam where the breed was first developed the natives stage duels between the pugnacious males. Belonging to the same family of Labyrinth fishes as the Paradise Fish and the Gourami, the Bettas are an oviparous family of nest builders. The "nest" is a collection of bubbles on the surface of the water which the male constructs and to which he attaches the eggs. When, as frequently happens, ova fall from the nest he retrieves them and blows them back into place. Within two days the fry hatch, but now Betta père regards his offspring in another light. So long as they remain attached to the nest they are safe; but once they wriggle away in search of adventure he devours as many as he can catch.
The Guppy (Lebistes Reticulatus) is the best known of the tropicals and the beginner's favorite, since it is the easiest to breed. This prolific live bearing fish came originally from Trinidad, Barbados and Venezuela. Spawning every four or five weeks, each brood
comprises from three to twenty fry. One and a half inches is the limit size of maturity, though the males seldom exceed an inch. The female is olivebrown, the male brilliantly colored and its fins mottled a great variety of hues.
Another popular and prolific fish is the Xiphophorus Helleri or Swordtail of Mexican origin-a glorified minnow, the male's tail fin having a characteristic rapier point. The back is brownish, sides green or steel blue. A streak extends from the mouth to the lower part of the tail.
One of the most interesting of Brazilian fish belonging to the Characinidae family is the carnivorous Piranha, the so-called cannibal fish, that abounds in the upper Arary River, a tributary of the Amazon. Only three or four inches long, it has an insatiable appetite, thinking nothing of devouring a fish as large as itself. The Piranha travel in great shoals, and woe betide the man who falls among them: within five minutes his bones will be picked bare. They cannot be recommended for aquaria since they must be kept isolated and given special care; furthermore, they are not a handsome breed. However, the Pristella Riddlei of the same species, from the Orinoco River, makes an attractive aquarium fish-silver, black and maroon in color and of active habits.
Many varieties of tropical fish live amicably together in a community aquarium. For instance, one can place in the same tank Swordtails, Mollienisia, Dwarf Gourami, Angel Fislh, Barbs and half a dozen other species.
The bible of the tropical fish fancier -Dr. E. Bade's monumental The Fresh Water Aquarium-unfortunately has still to be translated from the Ger man; the best of the English language books being Gold Fish Varieties and Tropical Aquarium Fishes by William T. Innes of Philadelphia; as intimated by the title the emphasis is on goldfish. Tropical Fish Culture for the Beginner (an illustrated 32 page pamphlet by Carl E. Thompson) and the series of inexpensive monographs on various species by Walter L. Brind can be highly recommended. Two American magazines and several foreign ones are devoted to the aquarist's interest.

## Old tavern signs-a new hobby

(CONTINUED irom page 68)
This is the mug that never failed.' On a sign in the Brainard collection, from Massachusetts-
'Gentlemen, you are welcome to sit down at your ease
Pay what you call for and drink what
you please."
On a sign in Philadelphia, showing a sailor and his sweetheart-
"The sea-worn sailor here will find The porter good, the treatment kind." The hobby of collecting old tavern signs is in its infancy. Most of them are at present scattered about in museums, antique shops, and collections of historical societies, and the homes of individuals. In 1922 a noteworthy loan collection was assembled from many sources and exhibited in

Providence by the Rhode Island Historical Society.
At least one collector, however, has taken up this hobby on an extensive scale and has acquired dozens of these quaint old tavern signs. This is Mr. Morgan B. Brainard of Hartford, Conn. His oldest one is dated 1768 and came from the Read Tavern, Lisbon, Conn. It shows, in addition to the date, a picture of a pine tree and the words, "Entertainment For Man \& Hors." The historic Charter Oak episode is celcbrated on a sign from a Hartford inn. On one side is shown the Oak overhanging the Connecticut River, while in one corner, now barely visible, may be seen t man hiding the charter.

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## Lavender and purple

Shading toward red, come the lavenders and purples. Earliest in the spring the lovely Wisteria droops its panicles of blue-lavender over Violets and many tones of Pansies and Hyacinths. Sweet Peas, Candytuft, and pale lavender double Poppies, Pentstemon cobaca, many tones of Iris and Columbine, Alyssum, Phlox and Gladi-oli-all pastel tones of delicate beauty -bloom throughout the spring, while Physostegia virginiana (False Dragonhead) with Trailing Lantana, Senisa and Verbenas carry these pastel shades throughout the fall months. Liatris (Blazing Star) is a deeper hue and is one of the glories of the fall gardens, together with the many shades that tie the blue-purples into the reds found in the fall-blooming Hardy Asters and Chrysanthemums.
Brilliant red in the spring is the Standing Tree Cypress, often called Texas Plume, gay and compelling, as outstanding as the fiery Coxcomb of the fall. Gaillardia (Indian Blanket or Firewheel) is as vividly red and yel-
low from spring until frost as is another native plant, the Poinciana, a graceful shrub with feathery foliage. Blooming late in the summer comes the unusual Spider or Guernsey Lily and the wine-cups of the Hybranthus Lily and the native Primrose. The Cypress Vine and the Scarlet Runner Bean carry the reds on the trellises, while Portulaca (Flowering Moss) carpets the ground from early summer until late fall. Kochia and Poinsettia are brilliant foliage plants, the former turning its gayest after frost, while the latter is fatally sensitive to a breath of cold air. Agarita (our native Barberry), native Holly, and Yaupon are cherished all through the winter for their brilliant red berries, while Sumac (Rhus) flames when October nights bring frost.
Certain plants may be had both in the bright or dull reds, and in the paler rose tones. Among these are the Tulips, Amaryllis, Iris and Flowering Almond which bloom in the early spring. Gladioli, Sweetpeas, Phlox, Tropical Waterlilies, Pyrethrum (Painted Daisies), and Climbing Roses bloom valiantly until the heat of summer descends. Bush Roses that blossom twice, together with Altheas (shrubs), Zinnias, Crepe Myrtle, Touch-me-nots, and Snapdragons are lovely throughout summer and fall.

## ROSE AND WHITE

In the rose tones, only, are the early blooming Bleeding-Heart and Flowering Peach. Weigela soon follows and the double rose Tulips, Poppies, and Larkspur bloom together. The pink Crinums come in the later summer, with the Speciosum Lily, and are followed closely by tall spidery Cleone, the Sedums, and that lovely vine known as Queen's Wreath.
White flowers for purity and moonlight! What could be daintier than the early spring Snowdrops (Galanthus), Snowflakes (Leucojum vernum) or Star Jasmine? Pure white Hyacinths perfume the air that is wafted over them. Spirea (or Bridalwreath) trails long graceful sprays over lowgrowing Pansies. Delicate Baby's Breath (Gypsophila), single Poppycups, large and small, golden-centered Daisies, all are brought by spring. The revered White Flag (Iris florentina), beloved for ages by the Mahommedans, precedes Regal, Easter and Madonna Lilies. The tall Hollyhocks, double and single in variety, Larkspur, Gladioli, Mock Orange, Cosmos and Elder lift their lovely sprays of bloom above the lowly Candytuft and Phlox. Sweetpeas and Moonvines climb the walls and arbors, while Four O'clocks, Snow-on-the-mountain, Magnolias, Alyssum, Snapdragons, Petunias, Verbenas, Abelias, Roses, Crinum, Yucca and Zinnias bloom in early summer, and most of them continue through till late fall. Datura (Jimson Weed) blossoms in late summer and is closely followed by the fragrant, old-fashioned Tuberose and the Mexican Prickly Poppy. These, in turn, give way to the various members of the Chrysanthemum family. After every rain, dainty Rain Lilies flower, and Waterlilies float their waxlike cups in their beauty of perfection.

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## Backgrounds of English Regency rooms

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area had an air of amplitude on account of their height, a dimension the architects of the period never slighted. Windows, both those of half-length with double-hung sashes and those of full length with French casements, were of generous proportions. Inside shutters were quite commonly used and their hinged leaves, with shallow deli-cately-molded panels, ingeniously folded back in the splays of the reveals. The large panes were set in thin muntins, generally not more than $5 / 8$ of an inch at the widest part, coming to a sharp arris on the inner side of the sash. The Wyatt window-one wide section separated by mullions from two narrow flanking sections-was a good deal employed. Conservatory, hall, vestibule and overdoor glazing was time and again accented by narrow marginal strips or large panes of clear colored glass-emerald green, ruby red, amethyst, deep blue and yellow. These features of colored glazing might or might not be accompanied by lights of plain frosted glass or glass frosted and etched with small diaper patterns.
"Jib" or false doors were often introduced for the sake of symmetry; sometimes they concealed shallow cupboards. Niches, especially in the walls of halls, staircases and libraries, were of frequent occurrence; occasionally there were arched recesses in diningrooms for sideboards. Arched doorways, hall archways, arched cupboards and the like generally made use of the flattened four-centred arch, a form peculiarly characteristic of Regency design. The same form often appears in Regency ceilings as a variant to coved and barrel-vaulted shapes and flat saucer domes, although ordinarily Regency ceilings were flat with only a moderate amount of plaster ornament in the center and at the cornice, carried out with moldings and decorative motifs derived from Greek and Roman
sources. The ceilings of the era, when other than flat, depended for their interest on purity of contour rather than on intricacy of decoration. Some of Sir John Soane's most successful shaped ceilings had little more than a few incised lines and a minimum of roundels, rosettes, acanthus or honeysuckle as accents.
In shape, the rooms were almost altogether rectangular, though the pleasant geometrical shapes of the Adam era were not entirely given up and now and again we find rooms with rounded or elliptical ends, rounded or elliptical bays, or even whole rooms of elongated elliptical form. One of the most striking rooms of this epoch is the elliptical drawing-room at Lemon Hill, one of the old houses preserved in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia. When the Regency architects designed "shaped" rooms, they generally contrived to make sane, economic use of all the area cut into by the curves.
Regency wall surfaces were variously divided. By far the larger number of walls had an absolutely uninterrupted surface from skirting to cornice. In many rooms, however, the carlier dado was retained, either with the actual projection of a molded chair-rail or else with the division merely indicated by the scheme of painting or papering. Pilasters and columns, with their usual accompaniments of plinths, capitals and entablatures, occurred in some of the more ambitious interiors, but their treatment was severely restrained. The whole trend of the time was toward simplification. The reaction against the sometimes finicky over-elaboration of the Adam Era chastened the repertoire of ornament; the forms employed, while losing none of their former delicacy, were more incisive and direct in effect, such as griffins, crossed darts or arrows, isolated roundels or rosettes, (Continued on page 74)

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and single bands of ivy, laurel or vine leaves. The pruning shears had relentlessly cut away the too luxuriant shrubbery of arabesques.

Large panel divisions were sometimes used on the walls, either with or without the dado beneath; when the dado was used, it was apt to be low. The panel divisions were indicated by paint, by paper or by shallow plaster moldings; the two former methods were more usual. Ordinarily the walls were either painted or papered. The paper used was sometimes plain or marbleized with the panels and moldings printed on it; plain with flower or vine borders often used at the angles of the walls and along the base as well as at the top; printed with scenes, landscapes, architecture, Classic or Chinese devices in the manner of the period; or, for more intimate rooms and bedrooms, showing a small powder pattern, lattices of ribbons or ivy leaves, or some Classic or pastoral repeat. The painted walls were quite commonly plain, though painted panel
divisions and other painted ornamentation were often used. Until its recent destruction at Crawley House, in Bedfordshire, one of the most perfectly preserved and characteristic rooms of the period was a drawing-room with Chinese pink walls and panels with semicircular tops indicated by thin bands of laurel leaves stencilled or painted in gold.

Bright color for the walls and woodwork, frequently with sharp contrasts, was peculiarly typical of the period. This outstanding quality of the Regency background is too generally lost sight of because, in Regency houses otherwise intact, the original color schemes were entirely obliterated in Victorian times by coats of gray, drab or white paint. Favorite colors for walls were cane or bamboo color, apricot, bright yellow, biscuit or buff, Chinese pink, rose, pea-green, pearl lavender or light lilac, maroon, light blue and salmon. The woodwork was sometimes white, but more frequently a slightly deeper tone of some of the col-
ors just mentioned or else a color in contrast with them. Grained woodwork was extremely fashionable, particularly graining that more or less simulated oak, and many dining-rooms especially were done in this manner. Libraries also were often treated in the same way.
The love of bright and contrasting colors was likewise reflected in the window hangings, sometimes elaborately draped with fabrics of two or more colors and hung from gilt pelmets. The upholstery, too, was subject to the same polychrome gaiety, and the furniture itself was not seldom painted. In this latter connection, it is interesting to note that the favorite dark green with gilt ornaments for painted furniture was intended to simulate the bronze furniture with gold ornaments used in Classic times.
In the more ambitious interiors the door panels were apt to be elaborately decorated with either painted or inlaid devices of rather attenuated and crisp Classic derivation. In these doors the
stiles and rails were generally plain.
The mantel was no less an object of care than in former times, but the treatment was different. White marble, figured gray marble and veined black marble were the favorite materials when wood was not used. The designs were usually austere and restrained. One of the chief differences lay in the metal facings of the fireplace. These were frequently of polished steel and were not seldom embellished with cast and polished brass applied ornaments. In some instances the entire mantel was made of polished steel and decorated with applied brass ornaments that gave a pleasant colour contrast. Both low coal grates and hob grates were used as well as andirons for the wood fires.

Though the typical Regency background was restrained and occasionally austere, it was also bright and cheerful; and it was almost invariably crisp, incisive and thoroughly articulate both in general line and in each particular of detail.

# Many Mallows for varied garden places 

stake four feet above ground should be sufficient for the tallest kinds and leaves the upper length of the stalk to assume a graceful pose.

While the Hollyhock is undoubtedly queen of its tribe some of its cousins are of passing charm. My favorite is the Musk Mallow, and the white Musk Mallow for choice, Malva moschata alba. These are British wildflowers but according to Gray are to be met with in our wild in certain localities. They grow about two feet tall, bloom prodigally throughout July and August, and sometimes into September, and the widely flaring blossoms borne in quick succession at the ends of the branches have a fine satin finish that is very attractive. The leaves are cut and cut again and the plant has a nice bushy, space-filling habit. It was Miss Jekyll who suggested the cool and charming association of white Musk Mallows and stecl-blue Eryngiums, one of the most pleasing of summer associations. And I have found both the pink and the white kinds delightful when grown behind lavender and white Stokesias.
Malva alcea, too, is attractive, taller than the Musk Mallow, deeper in hue, and the cut leaves a little downy, the whole plant more spready and a trifle more rampant, the blossoms somewhat bell-shaped. It blooms later, also, its heyday being in August, and I have found it hardy where the Musk Mallow succumbed.

## some sidalceas

I do not know why through many years of trying out every plant I could lay hands on I did not, until a few years ago, meet with the Sidalceas. I saw them first in the lovely garden of Mrs. Frederic Beebe at Swampscott, Mass., and fell an immediate victim to their charms. Like all the Mallow tribe known to me they flower in the full summer, and have a generous
period of bloom. Sidalcea candida and its mallow-pink form are perennial but should be often renewed from seed as they are not long lived, though they persist longer in a light warm soil than in a heavy cold medium. They are profuse with their flowering and bear their round blossoms on slender stems two or three feet high, which makes them useful for cutting. Sidalcea Rosy Gem is thought an improved form of the pink Sidalcea. These plants belong to our west country and the name Prairie Mallow is far more appropriate to them than the more often used Greek Mallow, which would seem to have no reason at all. It is found along streams and in dampish meadows in Wyoming, New Mexico and Utah. There are numerous other Sidalceas out through the West which might well repay investigation.

## annual mallows

A beautiful annual Mallow is Lavaiera trimestris, a plant from the Mediterranean region, more used abroad than in this country. The large flaring flowers are a fine silvery pink color and there is a satin-white form that is also lovely. Both these are offered in improved forms by seedsmen as L. splendens rosea and L. splendens $a l b a$. They may be sown under glass early in the year and later transplanted to where they are to grow, but I have found they have an unaccountable way of damping off unless weather conditions are just to their mind, and the more certain method is to sow the seed thinly where it is wanted in the borders and to thin out the seedlings to a foot or more apart. They make fine bushy plants and blossom all through the late summer and autumn, creating a fine show towards the back of a border with annual Larkspurs in blue and violet in front, or tall Ageratum.

A lower growing annual Mallow is

Malope grandiflora, bearing in profusion bright or pale rose or white flowers. These seem little used now-adays, which seems a pity as they are very gay and pretty where a quick and long-lasting show is desired. Malope does not like a starved soil, however, and will not do its best save where the earth has been deeply dug and generously enriched, and where it is given plenty of elbow room. So considered, and well watered in dry weather, the plants reach a height of about two feet and bloom all summer and into the autumn. They may be sown indoors in February or out-of-doors in late April.
A tall annual plant having a certain foliage value is Malva crispa, the Curled Mallow, or what Parkinson called the French Mallow. Many Mallows grew in Parkinson's garden including this French Mallow, which, by the way, was not French in origin but came from Syria. It was popular in those old days as a pot herb and was also used medicinally, especially, according to the forthright Parkinson, "when there is cause to moue the belly downwards, which by his slippery qualities it doth helpe forward.'

## AN OLD Pavortte

Once when I was in England Lavatera olbia was in all the gardens, a showy plant, shrubby at the base and tall enough to earn the name of Tree Mallow. It is an old plant in European gardens, having been introduced from Provence in 1570, but it is not hardy in our northern latitudes, nor need we sigh over much on account of it for as I remember the flowers they were somewhat more on the magenta side than is pleasing save with careful placing. Seeds of it may be started early under glass and will bloom before the summer has gone far.

And now to speak of two little Mallows of our west country, Makastrum
coccineum and Callirhoe involucrata, the latter easily raised from seed. It is sprawling little plant, spreading vigorously in dry and sunny places and bearing innumerable small Mallow flowers of the most unashamed and flaunting magenta of any plant I ever saw. Thumbs down! cry the magenta haters, but believe me, this small Poppy Mallow, as it is called, is a very good subject in an unwanted place, valiant in its cheerfulness through all sorts of exigencies and brightening the corner where it grows in quite the right spirit, if not with quite the right color. After a summer spent in Europe I quite unexpectedly found myself with a gravel path full of the Poppy Mallow, which had moved during my absence from the less congenial rich soil of the border into the dry gravel path.

## vibrant as flame

The Flame Mallow, Malvastrum coccineum, is quite different. Its color is as vibrant-a splendid apricot-orange-but will be offensive to none It is a fine subject for a sunny rock garden, 2. stony slope suiting it exactly where the roots may run about among the stones, and where its fiveparted gray leaves and short spikes of flaming blossoms show to perfection. "Prairie Fire" would be a good name for it, for when it is in bloom it has all the appearance of a small conflagration licking its way along among the stones. It is quite hardy and one of the most satisfactory plants I have yet had from the far west.

Plants suffer from the vagaries of fashion as do other worthy objects, and just now the Mallow clan is not, so to speak, in the public eye. Hollyhocks are thought "too obvious" by the esthetic, the Musk Mallows not sufficiently what the catalogs call "elegant". But all these plants are friendly and blossomy when these attributes are most wanted.

## What's new in building and equipment

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$J_{\text {OINT }}$ STRIPS FOR MONOLITHIC rloors. Colorful terrazzo floor finishes, which are made by rolling marble chips into a troweled cement floor surface before it has set, may now be economically laid in new and old homes. Brass joint strips recently placed on the market make it practicable to pour a thin veneer topping of cement over wood under-floors. The patented construction of the strips holds the masonry rigid and permanently anchors it down, making it unnecessary for the finish coating to bond to the base. Wood beams under a floor of this type should be sturdy, and the rough wood under-floor smooth and clean. Waterproof building paper is laid over the entire area and tacked down. The
brass strips, bent into the form of squares or hexagons as desired, are then fastened down by nailing through holes punched in flanges that rest upon the floor. The height of the strip allows a finish floor thickness of $7 / 8$ inch. The resulting floor consists of tiles poured in place and having the appearance of pre-cast tiles.
The sanitary and resilient features of terrazzo floors laid in this manner make the floor ideal for kitchens and bathrooms in both new and old houses. Waterproof and easy underfoot, such floors are excellent for sleeping porches, recreation rooms and dens, where discarded or dropped cigars and cigarettes will leave no blemish. The colored terrazzo is very effective in large living rooms, foyers and entrance halls. A. C. Horn Co. are manufacturers of the brass strips.
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These two sheets welded together are said by the manufacturers, the H. H. Robertson Co., to provide high load bearing efficiency with relatively low weight per square foot. The four keystone shaped ducts that occur in each panel are spaced six inches apart, and connect at the ends with corresponding ducts of adjacent floor panels. Electrical conduit may be run through the natural passages thus formed. The panel is laid across the structural steel supporting members and is bolted, clipped or welded in place. Any floor finish of rubber or mastic tile, wood parquetry squares or linoleum may be cemented directly to the surface of the steel.

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