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Caviar deserves its proper background and here it is, for you who glory in the chic of individual services. The bowl holds crushed ice, caviar in the center; and in the little side dishes go the traditional trimmings of chopped egg and chopped onion. The ice bowl is $5^{\prime \prime}$ across: the complete service is $\$ 3.50$ from El Futuro, 1283 Sixth Ave., N. Y.C.

Preview of a selection of connoisseur's Christ mas cards is "Winter" by Rockwell Kent. Emphasizing the typical Kent snow-blue, it is printed on cream stock. greeting on the third page of its folder. At 8.20 , this card is one of a large selection in the 1938 catalogue of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, 5th Avenue at 82 nd Street, New York City

Here is another idea that ought to have been conceived earlier and saved countless slippery exasperations. It's a tomato-slicer; the edge is saw-toothed for clean slicing, and the wide fat part balances a juicy slice with perfect ease It is made of stainless steel, $81 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ long, costs $\$ 1.75$ from Hoffritz, Madison Avenue and 43rd St., New York City

More modern camouflage - fruitwood pear which opens into a cig. arette box. And, incidentally, the light wood is another of those perfect accents for a ma hogany background. It is handmade, smoothly polished and carefully detailed; the cigarette compartment is pewter lined. $7^{\prime \prime}$ long, it costs \$10., Miriam Stevenson, 435 Park Ave., N. Y. C.


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Think Back, if you can, to 1923, when, if the size of your pocketbook and domestic entourage confined you to occupying less than ten or twelve rooms, you were considered to be a prospective and pitiful object of charity. Those dead, not to say dear, days have gone forever-both pocketbooks and apartments having shrunk noticeably. Unfortunately, however, individual room sizes shrank, too (probably in sympathy); and that, one feels, should have been happily avoided.

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While leases began officially October 1st, there were a number of choice apartments still available at this writing. Douglas L. Elliman Management.

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dancing, is an 18th Century dream of silver damask and deep red. The blue and gray Circular Lounge, for cocktails, opens off this; and for larger functions such as débuts, receptions, etc., the famous Embassy Room is all one could ask. Ownership-management of J. C. Thorne and J. J. Atkinson.

Modern Decoration as you like it is to be discovered in precious small doses, at least in New York. And the supply of this difficult but really pleasing style dwindles still more if you exclude the individually designed variety which necessitates a fairly ample budget and a long lease.

In fact, we've come to the conclusion that the Ritz Tower (Park Avenue at 57th Street) is a real mecca for you who want modern in the custom-made manner and for a lifetime or not, as you desire it. The top tower suites here are, to a room, in this style, and withal suave, livable and guaranteed to provide a peaceful background for the most delicate of nervous systems.

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flocks over slippery stretches of rock have given the dog unusually sound legs and feet. With his introduction to show circles in Scotland and England at the turn of this century, certain refinements were naturally made in the breed's physical appearance. Today, he is a "Collie in Miniature," retaining all the stamina and speed which have always been his heritage.

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october cover. Many letters have been received concerning the cover of Section I of our October issue. The photograph by Fernand Bourges is of the living room in the Washington Square apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Platt in New York City.

BATHING 1791. Our search for the earliest American bathroom still blunders along. Perhaps after all we'll have to give the honors to the eccentric "Lord" Timothy Dexter of Newburyport, Mass. In the diary of the Rev. William Bentley, D. D., under the date of April 21, 1791, he mentions his visit to Dexter's house and, in describing the mansion, says, "there is a bathing room under the apartments of the nursery."


QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Life is real, my masters, life is earnest and the grave is certainly its goal and Death and the tax-collectors are the nemeses that haunt us all-and yet there come days when this vale of deficit seems easier to pass throughdays when Loving Readers ask us leading questions. Such as the moral debutante who wanted to know if it is proper to keep the photograph of one's fiancé on one's bedside table. We replied that it was above reproach so long as a lot of other girls didn't have it on their bedside tables. . . . And then one poor bewildered soul wanted to know exactly to what distance the smart Eastern housewife lowered her window shades. Being a treader of the middle of the road, we told her halfway and let it go at that.

PESTS. Almost invariably, when one takes up gardening, he or she becomes philosophic. Like the correspondent who wrote us the other day. For eighteen years she lived in the heart of political Washington. Then she retired to a small country town and took to gardening. At the end of the first season she discovered that social and political pests have their exact counterpart in the green world-they are of two kinds, sucking bugs and chewing bugs.

STREET NAMES AGAIN. While we haven't embarrassed dealers in highboys, Sandwich Glass and Early American paper weights, our own circle of those who collect queer and picturesque street names is widening and widening as each mail contributes to our interesting store.

A New London scout brings in news of Spanyard Street, Fog Plain Road, Pepper Box Hill Road and Scotch Gap Road.

The Dallas watcher reports, near Grapevine, Texas, a Lonesome Dove Road, which runs past the Church of the Lonesome Dove. Dallas has its Mockingbird Lane, an important thoroughfare.

From Duxbury, Mass., comes Bumble Bee Lane and in Marshfield, Mass., is a Grasshopper Lane.

Woonsocket, R. I., reports in that State a Sin and Flesh Brook, Flat Top Pond, Rumstick Point, Dark Lantern Hill, Nine Men's Misery and Chopmist Hill.

Ipswich, Mass., runs a close second with Turkey Shore Road, Heartbreak Road and Labor-in-Vain Road. The upper end of High Street used to be called Pudd'n Lane, for reasons lost in antiquity. Heartbreak Road is named for the hill it circles, where the Indian maid watched in vain for her lover to come in from the sea. Labor-in-Vain Road follows a branch of the Ipswich River and is so named because where it enters the river it seems wider than the river itself, and fishermen, rowing upstream, were apt to mistake it for the main channel, only to find themselves caught in a swamp.


PACKAGE FIREPLACE. We Americans are a nation of "packagers". We do things up complete with paper and string. So it wasn't such a shock to find a western quarry offering a package fireplace. You merely state your desired color scheme, the height of your room and the size you want your fireplace, and they wrap up the necessary stones, all marked, and send them to you. You finish the job yourself.


GARDEN COLOR. Who says gardening interest in this country isn't increasing by leaps and bounds? Virginia can boast not alone an active Federation of Garden Clubs but also a Federation of Garden Clubs composed entirely of people of color. The average negro is blessed with the green thumb. These negro ladies, who have turned their wilderness yards into productive flowery paradises, comprise eighteen clubs in the State. They give their own flower shows -and good shows they are, too-attend lectures and are active in the effort to suppress billboards and other objectionable structures that hide the scenic beauties of the State. More power to them!

PLANT TRILOGY. With "Roots, Their Place in Life and Legend", Miss Vernon Quinn rounds out as fine a trilogy of plant books as one could wish. The others were "Seeds" and "Leaves". Into each of these has gone wide scholarship for which her readers are deeply indebted. She has searched the storehouses of legend and ancient practice and brought forth for our enjoyment the lore of these three components of plants-set them down pleasantly and with many a merry touch. Marie A. Lawson framed the pages with picturesque and apt illustrations. We recommend "Roots", "Leaves" and "Seeds" to gardeners for their Winter reading.

We also put on our recommended list Allen W. Edminster's "Gardening As A Hobby"; Ruth Cross' experience story, "Eden on a Country Hill"; and the latest addition to the "Artistic Bouquet" literature, "Creative Flower Arrangement" by Dorothy Biddle and Dorothea Blom. Apropos the last, the International Horticultural Congress recently held in Berlin voted to make "The Art of Flower Arrangement" a permanent subject for further discussion at future congresses.

PLANTSMEN. Two names we shall be missing from the plant world-names of men who have furthered beauty in their particular lines: D. M. Andrews, who worked on Colorado plants and hybridized many fine iris; and Richard Deiner, whose petunias are among the garden's glories.

DESIGNER. Gardens on Parade, the Horticultural Exhibit at the New York World's Fair, of which we showed advance sketches last month, are being made from plans by William A. Delano, architect, and Charles Downing Lay, landscape architect.


Colonial simplicity dignifies the Robert Montgomerys' living room


Mrs. Montgomery describes her<br>home in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Arience of renovating a farmhouse in New York and were so happy with the result that we decided we would like to build the same type in California. Of course, we realized it would have to be adapted to the California landscape. It was also necessary to remember that it would be a city house, not a farm. The contour of the location had to be considered, too. We had to assist us, Mr. Walter Wurdeman of Plummer, Wurdeman and Becket, Los Angeles architects, and for many months we worked with him, exchanging ideas until we had on paper the plans for an early American farmhouse, embodying almost all the little unusual and nice things that we had thought from time to time we would like to have in our own home.

When it was built, there was the entrance hall, finished in knotted pine. We had experimented for days to find a finish for that pine to make it look, not dark, not light, but just like naturally aged wood. When we were satisfied, we used it also in the library and for Mr. Montgomery's dressing room. On one wall of the hall we hung a prize picture. When we were in England at the time of the Silver Jubilee, we secured a signed copy of the Jubilee picture, painted by Munnings, of Queen Mary and King George V on their way to Ascot. In the light of later events, the picture has become particularly interesting because in the carriage ride the Prince of Wales and his brother who became, respectively, King Edward VIII and King George VI.

To the left of the entrance hall there is a slightly curved stairway to the upper floor. A shelf follows the contour of the stairway at about the height of the landing. We
have found this a delightful place for pots of trailing ivy and other plants with green glossy leaves.

The dining room also opens to the left. The furniture in this room is of dark mahogany combining Hepplewhite chairs and sideboard with a Sheraton table. At one side, there is a large bay window curtained with ruffled organdy. Because neither Mr. Montgomery nor I cares much for draperies, we have dispensed with them except in the living room and library. The rest of the house is entirely curtained with ruffled organdy. In the bay window of the dining room we have a small oval table, and as breakfast is generally a one-man affair at our house, this makes the most cheerful and convenient place for serving Mr. Montgomery's breakfast.

At one end of the dining room there is a built-in niche where I keep a complete Crown Derby tea set in miniature. Also, a tiny replica of my dining room table which I sometimes use as a centerpiece for dinner parties. The tiny table is equipped with a silver service, knives, forks and spoons about a half inch in size, place plates one and onehalf inches in diameter, tiny goblets, candelabra and even salt and peppers.

The treatment of the dining room wall was a problem. In a copy of House \& Garden I had seen a lovely White Plains home with a very interesting dining room wall. Upon investigation I learned that the decoration on the wall was a mural, not a wallpaper, and so I chose instead an attractive "American Revolution" wallpaper by Zuber. With its gay blues and reds, it is a happy choice and it is particularly beautiful in the soft glow of candlelight.

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THE small powder room between the dining room and the library has a mirror-topped dressing table and it is papered with a gay red strawberry motif on a white background. The floor is red linoleum.

The library is perhaps the most used room in the house. The walls are lined with many shelves of books. Most of the pictures here and in the living room are hunting prints or original Beerbohm drawings. There is a large fireplace and the low chairs and couch are upholstered in soft $\tan$ leather. Mr. Montgomery complained that he never found a couch that was long enough and amused everyone by demanding that it be not less than ten feet long, very low and wide. Now our friends remark about how comfortable and attractive it is.

From the library there is a step down into the living room. For the living room fireplace, Mr. Wurdeman made an extensive study of New York and Pennsylvania farmhouse fireplaces and finally evolved our present one with a fireside seat and window. In front of the fireplace we have an old cobbler's bench that Edward Everett Horton found and gave us as a housewarming gift. Above the fireplace we have a few miniatures and a small drum that Mr. Montgomery found in a Bond Street shop. It is an exact copy of a regimental drum and is about five inches in diameter.

Radios are never made to look right in an early American home, so Mr. Montgomery designed the case for ours to resemble a mahogany desk. It has false drawers and one side opens for the sound box. The top of the desk opens to reveal the radio dials and the record changer. It is equipped with a Scott radio and a Capehart record changer. In this design, it "belongs" to our living room.

The selection of the rugs throughout the house took careful planning. In the living room are large oval braided rugs. Elsewhere we have braided rugs and hand-hooked rugs with the exception of the dining room, where there is a broadloom. A friend took Mr. Montgomery to a little shop in Ipswich, Massachusetts. Typically New England, the shop itself is very small, but back of it there is a huge barn filled with handmade rugs of all sizes and descriptions. The propretor of the little shop goes, once each Spring, on a tour of the Eastern states buying from the women the rugs they have made during the Winter. From this marvelous collection, Mr. Montgomery selected several very large rugs and many small ones. We rather prefer using the small ones wherever it is practical.

Another thing that was difficult to fit into the type of house we wanted was the bar. We slipped it into a small closet-like space beside the library. Two bookshelves slide into the wall, a brass plate and shelf come down into place and there it is! Just inside is a trap door in the floor that leads to the wine cellar which is a complete, separate cellar.

Our kitchen is all-electric, done in white and red. The curtains are organdy, tied back with red ties and a red organdy carnation. The linoleum (Continued on page 80)

When the Montgomery began to plan their California house, they had one very definite idea-it had to be a Colonial farmhouse like the one they had remodeled a few years ago in New York. The new house was not to be a farm but a city house and, therefore, restricted by the shape of the site. As their ideas took shape Mr. Walter Wurdeman, Los Angeles architect, translated them into blueprints. The finished house embodies all the things they had always wanted -the big bay shown below, for example, was planned as a bright sunny background for breakfasts

Farnhouse



Above: The two exterior views of the house show how the casual informality of a rambling New England farmhouse has been transplanted to Beverly Hills, Cal., and nothing has been lost in transit. There is still the rough charm of the stonework, the polished white doorway, and the simplicity of Colonial design, all blending with a landscape in character with the house. The top photograph shows how the Montgomerys adapted their house to its site

Above: To preserve the early American atmosphere throughout the house Mr. Montgomery devised a false-face for the bar. The upper photograph shows the small room off the library in the dignified guise of a Colonial reading room. The scene changes, in the lower photograph, from dignity to gaiety-the bookcases slide into the wall and a brass plate and shelf drop down to form the bar. Directly behind this is a trap door to the wine cellar


Above: Favorite room in the Montgomery menage is the library.

Howe then veer It is filled with the elements of comfort-a fireplace, books, hunting prints and the soft colors of natural pine walls, hooked rugs, and tan leather furniture. Mr. Montgomery has settled into a giant couch (over ten feet long) designed especially at his request for a "couch that was long enough"

Below, left: The master bedroom is quaint without being artficial. The twin beds have ruffled organdy canopies with neat tie-back curtains on either side. The light gray walls and dead-white woodwork provide a contrasting background for the furniture which is upholstered in colored fabrics. Paul Sample's water color sketch of "The Red Barn" adds a spot of color

Below, right : Another view of the master bedroom shows the recessed window and the soft-cushioned sofa, upholstered in a light green flowered chintz. In a little antique shop in Ipswich, Mass., Mr. Montgomery found the hooked rugs which brighten the color scheme. In the background is a wing chair gaily finished in a pattern of flowers on a yellow ground



Above, LeFt: On the walls of the dining room British redcoats and buff-and-blue Colonials re-enact scenes from the Revolution. The wallpaper, designed by Zuber, provides a colorful setting for the simple Hepplewhite chairs and Sheraton table. The niche contains Mrs. Montgomery's minia-tures-a Crown Derby tea set and a replica of her completely appointed table

Above, right: Since sunlight is as much a part of breakfast as coffee or the morning paper, the Montgomerys planned their dining room with this spacious bay window. And because "breakfast is generally a oneman affair", Mr. Montgomery enjoys the cheery atmosphere alone. The bright sunlight is softened by ruffled organdy curtains neatly draped across

Below: Around the huge open-hearth fireplace in the living room the Montgomerys have gathered intimate reminders of Colonial life which spell simplicity and comfort: the fire-side seat, an old wing chair, a cobbler's bench (a gift from Edward Everett Horton), and rough braided rugs. On the mantel are miniatures collected by Mr. Montgomery in London's Bond Street

## Here they entertain




Many experiments have been made during recent years to discover really satisfactory house plants to add to the limited list formarly available. Milady, having again taken seriously to indoor gar-dening-being modern, she must take even her pleasures and hobbies seriously-has been looking about for decorative new effects. Butbeing modern -she has also insisted that her finds be practical-that they shall succeed without endless fussing and nursing.

Strangely enough, one of the old favorites has provided what is probably the most varied and satisfactory single group of all the newer house plants-the ivy! Old mater familiae, Heder helix -with all her heterogeneous daughters and their Hibernian cousins. Varied indeed is the selection which this intriguing clan offers to both the lover of plants and the searcher for unusual decorative effects.

Since before recorded time the ivy, more than any other vine, has entwined itself about our affections. Indeed, in its sentimental grip it almost vies with the rose, though it has had no flower, no color, no fragrance to help it gain its position. Undeniably the tracery of an unfolding spray of English ivy is one of the most beautiful of all the decorative designs in Nature, and hence its place as a classic example of perfection in delicate gracefulness was inevitable. However, the common English ivy, grown indoors in a small room, or among other plants in the window garden, is too coarse and unwieldy to be considered ideal for the purpose.

And so of late there has been a demand for a score or more of ivies which differ decidedly from the well-known Hedera helix. In fact, the ivy "collection" is now an interesting hobby. A group of species and varieties, exhibited by Margaret Finch McGovern and Mrs. Edgar Stix at a recent International Flower Show, attracted more attention than any other "family" exhibit in the whole show-with the possible exception of Colonel Spingarn's spectacular clematis collection. It was a revelation to thousands of gardeners in what the good old ivy has to offer window gardeners and decorators.

Some of these ivies are new horticultural varieties; others are species and old forms that have been known for a century or more, but only now are becoming generally available. They are finding a ready welcome today both because of their intrinsic beauty, and because they are more graceful, or smaller or more compact in growth, than the ordinary type. Several of them are so new in commerce that the nomenclature is still very much involved. It is to be hoped that the forthcoming edition of Standardized Plant Names will help to straighten it out.

The Climbers and Trailers. The type of English ivy universally known is Hedera helix, popular for use both out-of-doors and inside the house. Ideal for either purpose under many conditions, it is nevertheless frequently "out of scale" in the window garden, and sometimes in the small plot out-of-doors.

Next best known is a form introduced from Russia, the Baltic ivy, H. $h$. Baltica, with smaller leaves, and somewhat closer growth. Baltica is commonly reputed to be hardier than the English type

## Thiniature-leaved English ing


although Donald Wyman of the Arnold Arboretum informs me that there is some question on this point.

The Miniature-leaved English ivy, elegantissima or gracilis, is entirely distinct from helix, the leaves being only a fraction of the size, and the vines so slender as to be almost string-like. It is charming as a window climber or a trailer for a wall bracket. Its only shortcoming is that the small leaves are spaced so far apart that the plant gives a rather thin effect unless one secures a "made-up" pot of several plants, providing a generous number of leads.

Perhaps best suited for average house conditions are the lovely small-leaved Pittsburgh ivy, and its sub-form Pittsburgh Self-branching Improved. The latter is distinct in that it forms, as it grows, innumerable short side-shoots or laterals. These provide greater density, and give this particular variety the combined advantages of both the trailing and the "bush" types. Compact and yet retaining the gracefulness of the regular vine types, it is ideal for a table piece or for the window garden. I believe this variety is destined to become a leading house plant, particularly as it is an "easy" grower and retains its foliage well.

Dwarf-Growing Forms. Often there is occasion to use ivy where long trailers would be decidedly in the way. Then one of the several compact or dwarf-growing varieties can be employed. They give a touch of pleasing green foliage in spots where few other long-lasting foliage plants could be grown.

Perhaps the best known of these "bush" forms is-or was until recently-arborescens, or Bush ivy, a type of helix grown from the flowering shoots of old plants which do not "run". But the leaves, like those of a lilac, are less attractive, and the whole plant rather coarse.

The Albany ivy, H. h. dankeriana, hailing from Italy, is much more attractive. It "stays put" better than any other ivy I know, neither growing out of bounds nor losing its foliage. A well-grown pan (made up of several plants) remains about five or six inches high, merely becoming more dense as new shoots are sent up from the roots. This ivy is reported to be subject to a "black spot" disease, similar to that attacking roses, but the specimen in my possession, kept under ordinary house conditions, has never shown any indication of it. In fact it has remained unusually healthy and vigorous-as, indeed, many others I have seen have always seemed to be.

For those who like something decidedly out of the ordinary, or for a strikingly modernistic touch, there is the crinkly-leaved, densegrowing and dark-toned Bunchleaf ivy-H. conglomerata. This is certainly one of the most distinctive of all. It apparently likes a bit more eastern light, or morning sunlight, than some of the others; and a fairly moist atmosphere. So far as my personal experience goes, I would not recommend it as a table plant, charming as it is for that purpose, unless it can frequently be changed to congenial quarters.

Conglomerata however is not a tender ivy. In fact, it is to some extent being used for the rock garden, where its dwarf form and picturesque foliage make it very effective. In one (Continued on page 83)


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We plan a sideboard supper for your Fall entertaining



FOR COCKTAILS-A SILVER SHAKER AND TRAY FROM SAMUEL KIRK


ABOVE: BEVERAGE SET IN FOSTORIA GLASS
below: KIrk's silver tea service; ROYal doulton china


Now is the time when all good ideas should come to the aid of the hostess. For the Fall is open season for entertainment as well as football and hunting. It is a time when gay groups gather around festive boards and chase the cares of Winter with sophisticated dinners, luncheons, and buffet suppers.

The party spirit is in the air. People talk of Thanksgiving, turkey, plum puddings and every one has an eye on Christmas which is just around that blustery corner. And so House \& Garden has planned the colorful buffet supper table on the opposite page. It catches the spirit of the season and translates it into bright colors. The buffet is brilliant with gleaming silver and soft-toned china. It invites the guests to help themselves.

As a basis for the setting, we selected a rich mahogany sideboard. This and the Chippendale chairs flanking it and also the mirror of English gesso in gold are from Manor House. The gray rug is a high-ribbed broadloom from Lord \& Taylor. The wallpaper which provides such a colorful background is Nancy McClelland's "Jeunesse" pattern.

The table appointments illustrate an interesting combination of modern and antique pieces. The contrast is seen both in the silver and the china. A pair of antique Sheffield candelabra from S. Serota date from 1800, while the flat silver, King pattern, the graceful silver salad bowl and the salts and peppers from Samuel Kirk are of contemporary design. The wooden salad servers are from Ovington's.

The centerpiece, piled high with Autumn fruit, is an antique porcelain compote imported from France by James Pendleton. The covered dish of Ridgway china is also an antique and part of a complete set from Alice Sydnam. In pleasing harmony are the Royal Doulton dinner plates of English bone china with gadroon edge. They are imported by W. S. Pitcairn and can be found at Wanamaker's. The gray damask napkins used on the buffet are in Léron's "Duchesse Lace" pattern.

To supplement the buffet service, we selected the pieces shown at the left. For cocktails, Fostoria's Chelsea glasses are used with a silver shaker and tray from Kirk. The French linen napkins, white embroidered with red, come from Léron. The beverage set combines Kirk's silver tray and a pitcher and glasses also in Fostoria's Chelsea pattern from Altman. On the tea table, from Manor House, there is Samuel Kirk's silver service to which we have added a lemon plate of Fostoria glass in the "Liberty" pattern, Altman. The cups and saucers from Wm. S. Pitcairn are in another pattern of Royal Doulton's English china with a gold gadroon edge. The tea napkins of French linen come from Léron.


Fine china and gleaming silver against dark mahogany enhance the beauty of our buffet setting


# Unusual materials for floral decoration 

by Ethel Dodd Thomas

F LOWER arrangements are like the present revolution. They have been creeping upon us silently, leaving most of the dear old general public unaware that they have reached the point of dictator-ship-specialists, anyway. Before the inevitable Hitler or Schiaparelli puts in an appearance, it might be as well to know what has been going on, outside of public print, in the homes of various modern American women.

Interior decoration, as such, has nearly reached the saturation point. Stop-lights are needed to check the rush of experts from coast to coast. What next? Flower arrangements. Not quite so easy? To be sure you can buy a yard and a half of flowers at any of the large shops and vases to go with them. Merely a symptomatic reflection of the armed forces at work in the field. For years we have had finely illustrated books, lectures galore on the subject. We have had the Garden Club trumpeters with their tape measures and solemn judges. All of which has helped immeasurably to bring flowers into the house with form and symmetry. These training camps have done their work and well, have brought us up to this present strategic point-that particular point where the Interior Decorator signs off and leaves the flower arrangements to go on under their own momentum. They have gone pretty far-have reached that ultimate goal where humor finds its place in any form of creative art.

It has been said that Elsa Schiaparelli, when she first came to America, spent time shopping in the five-and-ten Woolworth stores. La Schiaparelli has fun. She has brought humor into clothes. Just as Ely Culbertson has brought humor into bridge (and was it needed!) some years ago.

A humorous, and certainly an original table decoration was launched by a woman who didn't like to go out in the rain to pick her flowers. She used eggs. Pure white eggs in Chelsea comports. The lunch was gay, a succès fou. Everyone was enchanted with the white and silver table. This same woman, by the way, has used kale on her table, low Sheffield urns of the moss green leaves, long before Mrs. Constance Spry landed on our shores to tell us the success story of the "humble Brassica oleracea" in London, England.

If kale tickles the British fancy, we wonder about the use of broccoli, gone to seed. Americans like it. At least two elderly garden club madams put on a Helen Hokinson act the first time they saw it used in the house of a somewhat refractory member of their club. This woman did pretty daring things about her home and person in the color line. It was late October, after a New England frost, and these
two ladies were startled by a glowing, delicate chartreuse arrangement against a rich blue wall. They stared through lorgnettes, murmured: "Heli-anthus-Golden Glow." They were shocked into complete silence by the astounding information that they were gazing upon the broccoli flower from the ordinary vegetable garden.

Small wonder. This woman had recently taken a prize at an autumn flower show with none other than a Hubbard squash! The squash was as large as a big watermelon-soft blue-green. The top had been sawed off (did you ever try to cut a Hubbard squash?) lengthwise, leaving a boatshaped receptacle with enough pulp inside for foundation work. Into this went the orange berries of Celastrus scandens (bitter sweet). Brilliant blue statice stalks. The ghost-like lacy purple skeleton of the elderberry flower. A few shiny black shoe buttons from the honey-suckle vines, the scarlet and emerald berries of Lycium chinense, matrimony vine. The whole was filled in with Ampelopsis heterophylla, the turquoise berries that have a patine like Ming pottery.

And, believe it or not, ye old patch of Rhubarb, down by the well, has picked up its bed and walked right into Flower Shows-come out with prizes, too. Both dried and fresh, the tall spikes are beautiful. It can be used in three forms. The plumelike white blossoms. The first chartreuse-green seed pods dotted in a smart London Tan. The final and lasting red-brown stalks that can be put into tall copper pitchers and kept, without water, almost as long as desired.

Everyone should grow purple cabbage. Line them up in terra cotta pots on the terrace in the Fall. Eat them in hors-d'oeuvres. Look at their jewel-like iridescent color night and morning.

And onions! Even if you so unfortunately belong to the poor-white aristocracy that simply won't allow one inside the house, you might be surprised to learn that the tall, perfect white accent in many a flower arrangement is the lowly, scorned onion gone to seed. Also leek blossoms have a place in the color chart. Violet, that doesn't fade, and can be thoroughly dried for Winter use.

One of the most entrancing Tussy Mussy types of bouquets that ever had a paper frill put around it was made up of Lilliput zinnias, every color, and edged with a deep band of moss-curled parsley. All gardeners-should sing a song of parsley. Use it as a border for both vegetables and flowers. Try it sometime tossed into deep fat, as a garnish for steak. Parsley is not a facetious suggestion. The bizarre in (Continued on page 91)

## "IIInlibhoul" Roons



Many rooms in your house can be made to serve double duty if they are planned around one of these new sofa beds

Mother-in-law can really enjoy this charming sitting room of her own and entertain her friends here. The sofa turns into a 36 -inch-wide bed at night, by a mere whisking away of back cushions and the tailored cover over the top mattress. This cover tucks tightly over the bedding and the specially-built Simmons Beautyrest mattress, the sides of which are reinforced against sag-
 ging. From Hale. Detail sketch at the right shows the scheme in operation

## For a young man

Make over the young-man-of-the-family's onetime nursery into a den with a real masculine touch. Hide the dressing mirror over built-in drawers behind doors and give him a business-like desk, adequate study lamps, and plenty of cupboard space. The sturdy maple lounge bed (single bed width) is ideal here, with its Serta-Sleeper box spring and mattress, and a cover that zips right over the bedding with short slide fasteners placed diagonally under each corner


## For sewing, or a guest

If you do any home sewing, make that small, back room a well-equipped work-room. Cover the floor with linoleum so you won't have to worry about threads, and install a big cutting board, preferably one that can fold up into the wall, and a full length mirror. A Burton-Dixie love seat that opens out to a single bed, gives you a comfortable place to sit for hand sewing, and provides emergency sleeping space. The sewing machine becomes a dressing table



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THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. ADRIAN ONDERDONK AT HAGERSTOWN, MD


Combining the charm of Colonial with elements of modern comfort

The dining room is worked out around a delightfully gay, pale green and white wallpaper in a tracery design giving a chinoiserie effect. The accents are deep blue. The crystal chandelier repeats the light feeling of the walls, and the same light note is expressed in the white silk rep draperies with blue fringe. The furniture is Federal mahogany from Statton

W$\mathbf{W}_{\text {Hen the old house of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Onderdonk, in }}$ Hagerstown, Maryland, burned down not so long ago, it was decided to rebuild it on the same spot. The same foundations were to be used and the same beautiful old hand-made bricks dating back to Colonial times. But in order to provide the desired view of the terraces and the garden the house was reconstructed so that it would face in the opposite direction.

Although the plan was to keep the atmosphere and feeling of the old house, a few compromises were made for added comfort. And because the designer of the house, William Lemen Beard, and the decorator, Mrs. Helen B. Statton, worked so closely together both the interiors and exteriors are co-ordinated in an unusually effective manner.

The decorating problem consisted of creating a charming and livable home at moderate cost. The living room is designed in mocha and blue around a family portrait and a Kerman rug, with attractive detail in the shelves and paneling. Statton furniture is used throughout the house, expressing the sturdy American Colonial feeling in solid mahogany. Much of the charm of the rooms comes also from the especially designed draperies and bedspreads, created by Maidstone, Inc., the decorating firm in Hagerstown, Maryland, with which Mr. Beard and Mrs. Statton are associated. The floor plans and a rear view of the house and terrace are shown on page 79 .


THE LIVING ROOM IS INVITINGLY SPACIOUS


FOR A YOUNG GIRL, EMBROIDERED FLOUNCES IN A BLUE AND PEACH ROC


THE GUEST ROOM HAS A FOUR.POSTER WITH PICTURESQUE CANOPY


THE MASTER BEDROOM FEATURES WHITE NET DRAPED OVER ROSE RED


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"The House in Antigua "-tropi-

cal garden of Wilson Popenoe



DIPPING POOL IN THE WALLED GARDEN
When Louis Adamic wrote his fascinating "adventure in beauty" called "The House in Antigua", he was describing the home of Wilson Popenoe. To botanists and gardeners Mr. Popenoe is known as an authority on tropical fruit.

His garden, a place of many gardens in fact, is one of striking, timeless beauty. Hidden away behind high walls is a paved space (on the opposite page) with raised beds ranging along the walls and down the middle, beds supported by high cement curbing in rhythmic Baroque curves. As shown above, at one end of the middle path a wall fountain spills its trickle into a dipping pool. These high beds (and how convenient they must be to work in!) are massed with multicolored flowers which soften the hardness of the cement coping without hiding its design. Vines spill over the wall in characteristic tropical profusion and frame the garden with luxuriant foliage.

Outside a high wall are the tall Baroque fountain and basin shown at the top of the opposite page. This garden is fascinating to those who tire of our usual informal designs.

Amateur forecasting - a fascinating hobby for some people - guides gardeners and sportsmen and protects us all from winter ills

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Our rich collection of traditional weather-lore gives homely evidence of an age-old concern with the weather and its changes. These old rules-of-thumb express the same sort of resignation before the inscrutable why and wherefore of the weather that we feel today, but they also prove that we have always tried to get the best of the inevitable by prophesying which way it would turn.

Although Job was apparently satisfied with the finality and truth of his statement that "Fair weather cometh out of the North" there were others, perhaps more practical than pious, trying to figure out when it would come and how long it would last. The wind still "bloweth where it listeth" but we want to know which way and how hard it will blow today. So we scan the sky and watch the winds as men have always done and then, being moderns, we check these weather-signs by instruments which record temperature, pressure and humidity for a reliable forecast.

Any family, forewarned by such predictions, is forearmed so that life can be planned to fit the weather. The garden will be protected from sudden frosts and heavy winds, skis and skates can be polished up for deep snow and clear cold nights, and everything made snug and tight before a "line-storm" or northeaster.

Such guidance is reason enough for predicting your own weather, but forecasting also has the makings of a perfect hobby. (Continued on page 81)

Bronze plaques indicate wind direction and speed, recorded by vane like the one at right


[^1]Weather vane and anemometer installed on roof and electrically connected to indicators shown


Georgian mantel indicator gives Weatherman recordings in a traditional setting


Taylor "Stormoguide" : thermometer and barometer showing charted forecasting data. Meyrowitz


This reliable aneroid barometer
"Meteorological Pillar" measures tempera-


For serious skiers the "Snow Sampler" gives snow depth and density (indicating its wetness). Friez

Handsome walnut desk set with a barometer, thermometer and hygrometer. Abercrombie \& Fitch
comes in a trim brass case. Taylor
 gives both temperatures, Abercrombie \& Fitch

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Left: Because of the rare qualities of its moonlight, Ireland has long been known for its black and white gardensgardens of yew, that, in the moonlight, are so dark green as to appear black. White flowers are combined with the yew as in this black and white water garden at Mount Stewart, Londonderry. Along the banksides are urns of spirally clipped yew holding large pots of white lilacs

Below: At the Flower House, Ath lone, a new garden beside a narrow river is being planted. A railing of yew marks the hours of the day. Behind it and Father Time, are massed tall white flowers-lilies, hollyhocks and stock. In the foreground the planting is lower and consists of greenish white zinnias in beds. James Reynolds. who made these four sketches, designed the garden and also decorated the house



Above: The Irish use a favorite device to frame a view or mark a boundarythey make arches of bamboo poles and on these train roses, clematis and other vines. These series of arches, when the flowers are blooming, look like waves of the sea, and if they are clothed with white roses, the moonlight effect is most lovely. This garden is in Clonmel along a winding river which lends its beauty to the scene

Right: At Caledon are white and black tunnels, leading to the house, consisting of masses of clumpy yew, above which white fuchsias raise their flowers in riotous abundance. In other gardens. many of them cut by quiet, narrow rivers, the black and white effect is achieved by planting with the yew: white roses, mallows, lilacs, mockoranges, laurels, rhododendrons and white daffodils and lilies


Green-black yew and white flowers are massed for night effects


Formula for a decorative exhibition: Take a round dozen foremost decorators; let each design a room incorporating all his or her pet ideas, color schemes, brands of style and period; let each design furniture and plan the room untrammelled by the usual limitations of architecture and client.

This is the formula Grosfeld House (New York furniture manufacturers) followed in their third annual show which opened recently. The results are fresh and exciting-in a way, prophetic. For here, work of the leaders of the profession may be seen which does not follow prevailing styles but which interprets those styles with an eye on the future.

In this exhibition, you notice a definite trend toward a contemporary interpretation of the classic styles, whether they are English, French or Italian in feeling. The furniture, designed by the decorators themselves, carries out the familiar motifs, stylized to suit the modernized background.

Joseph Mullen's living room on the opposite page takes its theme from the Regency and retains its feeling of elegance with simplified backgrounds and ornament. The walls are buff with white moldings, the pilasters and the unusual chimney face are glazed black; the doors are antique gold leaf. The impression of gold and black is carried out in the carpet, and in the dark rosewood of the breakfront cabinet and small tables. In contrast are chair seats in reseda green, the low bench before the fireplace and large sofa against the wall in ancient Chinese red.

The room done by Mrs. Truman Handy of Thedlow, Inc. (top right) shows modern influence upon Italian Baroque motifs. The walls are mauve gray with dusty gray bevelled-mirror trim and chimney breast. The furnishings and accessories range in color from light shell shades to deep terra cotta, and the room is dominated by a large white leather screen decorated in pale terra cotta and silver.

The bedroom (lower right) designed by Ralph Van Hoorebeke is definitely French in feeling. Its color scheme is built around the soft blue, peach and cream of a hand-blocked chintz behind the bed and indirectly lighted. The chest is classic in line and motif.


ABOVE: LIVING ROOM, THEDLOW, INC. BELOW: BEDROOM BY RALPH VAN HOOREBEKE


Three rooms selected from the new Grosfeld House exhibit

## Richardson Wright tells what <br> plants to protect - and how

TH in Winter. Its unpredictable rise in temperature arouses dormant plants to premature growth. Its heat thaws the soil around roots and subsequent freezing tears them from their anchorage. The sun, too, can scald evergreens and absorb essential dampness from around trees and newly set out shrubs. But heaving perennials is the sun's most serious offense.

Dampness will also prove fatal to some plants, causing their crowns to rot and weakening their fibre so that recovery, in Spring, is uncertain or very often impossible.

For these reasons Winter protection is given beds, borders, specimen trees and tender plants. The purpose of a protective mulch is to keep the soil frozen. Other protections ward off wind and sun and dampness. To the right is shown a method of protecting holly trees in the North from wind and sun-scald, by making a tepee of poles and burlap.



RRants with soft crowns, such as foxgloves, and with open stems, such as delphiniums, need to be protected in such a way as to drain water off them. In mulching a border, twigs or small fruit baskets should be placed over crown plants so that the mulch is held away from them. Straw or salt hay makes the best mulch.

Around delphiniums, after the stalks are cut off, can be heaped sand or screened coal ashes which will afford drainage around the crowns and repel slugs that enjoy them in early Spring. This last operation is shown in the drawing at the left.

Manure should be used with discretion. Avoid covering peonies with it, using, instead, loose fibrous material or rough peat moss. Manure can be spread around lilacs, the roots of which are near the surface, but it should not touch the stems themselves.

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$V_{\text {arious lengths of chicken wire are useful in Winter protection. Young fruit }}$ trees, for instance, should be given a guard about 2 feet high to prevent rabbits girdling the bark, as shown at the right. If you prune your trees in early Winter, leave the lopped-off branches lying on the ground and the hungry rabbits can gnaw them at pleasure.

Wire is also used to make baskets around plants in which leaves are packed for a mulch. The ideal leaf for this purpose is from the oak; soft leaves mat down and cause rotting; their place is on the compost heap where they can disintegrate into leafmold.

Lengths of chicken wire are often used to keep leaf mulch in place. Lacking this, use pine boughs. Boughs and corn stalks can also be tied around semi-hardy vines, such as clematis, and their mulch is straw manure or peat moss. All mulches can be most satisfactorily applied between the middle of November and the first of December.


BOxwOOD often suffers from sun-scald. If the bushes are small, they can be protected with peach baskets, as shown at the left. Larger bushes are protected by slat houses, which are easily built.
In the rock garden one places collars of stone chips around woollyleafed plants. When the ground has frozen-and this applies to all mulchesa blanket of oak leaves or salt hay is laid down and held in place with branches. Or use, instead, a mulch of glass wool which both insulates and ventilates.

NEWLY planted and young evergreens suffer from wind, sun-scald and absorption of moisture from the leaves and the soil. Water them thoroughly as long as the ground is open. After hard freezing, mulch to 12 or 14 inches with strawy manure or a heavy coating of oak leaves. Then build a shelter of straw mats or burlap on sticks, such as the one pictured at the right.

Retinispora plumosa and R. p. aurea burn readily if exposed to direct rays of the sun and severe Winter winds. Japanese fir and Veitch's silver fir will stand exposure. Other plants to protect with shelters made like those illustrated here are exposed rhododendrons and daphnes.



T HE fruit garden must not be neglected in Winter protection. Heap manure around old rhubarb and along the lines of raspberries. The strawberry bed-hence its name-is given a coating of salt hay or rye straw. This is laid generously over the bed, as at the right, and boughs placed on it to keep it from blowing away. In Spring, roll off the straw, weed between plants and then roll back the straw and tuck it under the plants. The fruit ripens on the straw. Salt hay is the best to use because it does not sow weed seeds. Apply it about 4 to 6 inches in thickness.
$W_{\text {inter }}$ fences, such as that shown to the left, can be used to protect small evergreens. Shrubs shifted in the Fall should be given a heavy mulch of manure - to keep their roots from heaving-after the first hard frosts have begun.

Alert gardeners will also look into glass wool as a mulching medium. It can be used year after year, and is light and open. Glass wool has the added advantage of being transparent and giving light to plants.



N ortherv gardeners are especially solicitous about their tea roses, hybrid teas and polyanthas. In open Winters, with successive thawings and freezings, the loss may be appalling. Consequently, care is taken to protect rose bushes. First trim them back to 9 inches. Then heap soil in a cone 9 inches high around each bush. Next, lay manure in the hollows to the height of the cones. Then pile leaves over all. Some surround each bush with a tin or wire basket (see left) in which earth is piled. These frustrate field mice. In Spring fold back the earth and dig the manure into the soil, thereby enriching the bed.

Standard roses, which are among the glories of gardens in more favored climates, offer a problem in protection. They can be lifted, potted in tubs and kept in frost-proof cellars over Winter. Or else they can be buried, as shown to the right. Sometimes it is possible to loosen the roots on one side and bend them over, after which soil can be heaped more easily on.

This method-loosening roots by removing soil and then pinning the plant down before mulching-is used by some northern gardeners for teas and hybrid teas. Plants that require no mulch and derive no benefit from it are established phloxes, peonies, Michaelmas daisies and such hardy types.


In extremely cold climates climbing roses have to be given particular protection by laying the vine on the ground and covering with soil and then tar paper, as shown at the left, to prevent water freezing around the canes. Climbers that are exposed to wind but cannot be taken down are often bound with cornstalks or bundles of straw. All vines-climbing roses included-should be well lashed into place before Winter. A mulch of manure can be put around the base after the ground freezes or before that if convenient. Some gardeners have found excelsior a good mulch, as it is both light and weedless.
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New inducements for your Winter home or holiday



PENDLETON AVENUE HOUSE AT PALM BEACH


HENRY GIBSON RESIDENCE, MIAMI BEACH

Approximately two and one-half million people go to Florida each year. Some stay for a brief two-weeks vacation; others for an entire Winter in homes they own. It is generally taken for granted that (whatever the cost) the sun, sport and society of this Southern State are the main attractions. But you may find, as I have, that the majority of those who choose Florida as a setting for their home or holiday do so because they feel that they are making a safe investment.

A typical selection of Florida homes, such as those shown on these pages, varies from Mr. Berman's compact modern house (opposite) to the more popular and more spacious Colonial homes with second-story verandahs. In every case full advantage is taken of the excellent climate to encourage outdoor living, and building sites near lagoons, inland lakes and citrus groves have been sold in large numbers in the last three years. In one community of about four thousand acres, for example, there has been an average building expenditure of ten million dollars a year over that period. For people are anxious to build homes where the standard of building guarantees only a small depreciation, where cellars may be dispensed with and heating costs may be minimized, where public utilities such as gas and electricity are reasonable, and where taxes are comparatively low.

It is probable that those who return to Florida year after year for their vacations find there some attractions which, though entirely personal, are nevertheless of interest. For this reason, I have questioned some friends.

For many years my neighbors in Florida seemed to be the kind "who mix'd reason with pleasure, and wisdom with mirth"; they had a good time. Modern comfort and excellent climate were taken for granted. Then, last Winter, I either began to know them very well or they had begun to ask a little more of their Winter vacation than entertainment. For while they still brought with them their hobbies and their work, they began to enjoy being alone when they wanted to-on the deserted beaches of the Coast, on the coral keys, and in the sheltered hammocks of the inland lakes. They wanted to be alone, they insisted, without being isolated from the rest of the world. And was not Florida an especially good place for privacy and for a laissez-faire attitude of living, they asked?

Frankly, I had never thought of the kind of privacy they meant. I was to learn that it was a seclusion which had all of the elements of rest and none of aloofness. To me, it was a new reason why so (Continued on page 86)

entrance to the patio of w. A. WElls, MIAMI beach


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$T_{\text {ypicaliy }}$ House \& Garden are the landscape plans for our House-for-Two which make the fullest use of the garden area. While the house is Georgian in feeling, it is modern in plan and in the design and placing of the windows. Of a new type, made by Kawneer, the windows are all aluminum, double-hung sash. The plans show, in shaded section, the wing which can be added in the future. The house contains 23,925 cubic feet; the future wing 6,110 cubic feet.


# Our House for Two 



A charming \$10,000 house designed for us by the winner in our Architectural Competition

HOUSE-FOR-TWO is a special sort of house, or should be. It represents the pattern of living of a large group in the community-the young married couples. So we asked the winner of first prize in Class II of the last House \& Garden architectural competition, Mr. F. C. Stanton, of Bellingham, Wash., to design one. We left him free to build his plan and work out his style in relation to the problem. The only restrictions were those that had to do with the pattern of living itself.

For instance, we said, the house must be designed to fit on the average suburban lot of 75 by 100 feet; it should be planned so that it can grow with the family, and its exterior must be sufficiently conservative to be acceptable in any community. In other words, we were not concerned with exceptional young couples who need a house built around a studio, who want an ultra modern house or an unusual layout. We wanted a house which would be suitable for the typical young American couple with a typical design for living.

So pending house, to cost about $\$ 10,000$, deend attached garage, one bath and one lavatory. In general style and feeling it is Georgian, but in plan, placement on lot, and many of the details, it is modern. It is especially modern, of course, in its heating, kitchen and bathroom equipment.
${ }^{7}$ HE placement of the house on the hypothetical $75^{\prime}$ by $100^{\prime}$ lot is significant, as it has a definite bearing both on the exterior and interior design. You will notice that the house is set forward on the plot so as to give ample garden space in the rear. The usual "back door" is located at the side near the front with a wall surrounding a small "kitchen area" where refuse containers may conveniently be kept from view.

The garage, which is attached to the main structure, fronts on the street, saving the expense and waste space of driveways. Although the front entrance faces the street, the whole axis of the house is in the opposite direction. The most important rooms all look out on the back garden. The living room, with its wide windows and a pair of French doors, faces this space; the dining room also overlooks it. The master bedroom and the guest room on the floor above have also a garden view. With no downstairs windows facing on the street, the house has almost a European feeling of privacy.

The planting and the planning of the garden therefore becomes of primary importance. It has been laid out in semi-formal eighteenth century fashion harmonizing with the style of the house, with ample space for bowling, badminton, croquet, or just sitting in the open in Summer. The tall shrubs are planted around the outer edge of the lot, leaving the center open for more formal arrangementeven for a small pool. Our hypothetical plot is blessed with a couple of good shade trees, but even if we had to set them out they could not have been placed more ideally. For they are located on opposite sides and the garden always receives shade from one or the other.

Although the rear garden is of major importance, the front yard is still the Front Yard, and in the good old American tradition puts its best foot foremost. In fact, the planting there is really necessary to the style and finished appearance of the house itself, for the windowless spaces on either side of the doorway, while they add greatly to privacy, are apt to look bare. The ideal thing to plant here is a pair of espalier fruit trees. They are decorative and produce a stylized pattern against the wall.

T which are worthy of study, notably the glass brick partition between the hall and living room which lights an otherwise dark hall and makes it possible to place the stairway against the front wall of the house. The off-center fireplace in the living room is another unusual feature, and the aluminum double-hung windows with horizontal lights. The house is also planned, if you will notice, so that two more rooms and baths may be added in the space between the house and the garage without increasing the over-all dimensions. This addition is illustrated in the view of the house at the bottom of page 61.

## Decoration


$\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{N}}$ this and the following three pages is the complete story of the decoration of the House-for-Two. But since all houses which are wellplanned have, from the very beginning, the close cooperation of the architect and the decorator-for no house is an accomplished fact before the interior has been consid-ered-the plans and architectural details shown on the preceding pages have, of course, already indicated the decorative style of this house.

Such details as the metal stair rail, the aluminum Kawneer windows with their strong horizontal accents, the glass brick wall in the living room and the "open" plan of the first floor have all decreed that our house for this typical young American couple will be decorated with a distinctly modern flavor.

And so when Mrs. Barclay Dodd, of the New York decorating firm of Mrs. Dodd, Inc., began the actual work of collecting materials and furniture for the interiors, she already had in mind the answers to the problems which had faced the architect, Mr. Stanton, and herself. She had a definite picture of the simplicity and good taste which would please those who were to occupy the House-for-Two.

Beginning with the main downstairs rooms, since the plan is fairly open, Mrs. Dodd planned the color

schemes of each room to harmonize and to flow from one to the other. The predominant color in the hallway is green, and green is used for accent in the living room. The dining room picks up the coral tones of the living room.

The living room is worked out in oyster gray, white, pale green, and coral ranging all the way from pale shell to flame. The furniture is grouped around two centers of interest. The first is the sofa in front of the glass brick
wall, with end tables and a lounge chair. The second group is the corner between the two windows. The windows have been draped as one unit balancing the off-center gunmetal mirror fireplace on the opposite side of the room. Sectional seats, in flame and white textured material, curve around a circular coffee table. Between the window and the garden doors (see plan below), a small rectangular mahogany piano has been placed. Most of the other furniture in the room, however, is light in finish.

The dining room furniture is also of light woods -the modern table and chest are made of light natural oak. Venetian blinds in gray, having an attached valance top, reach to the floor and give height and formality to the room.
 firms: The sofa, curved arm chair and round coffee table from Robert W. Irwin; sectional corner seat with matching end tables, from Jamestown Lounge; a pair of end tables (beside sofa) from Drexel Furniture Co., and Chippendale Musette piano from Winter and Co. All fabrics used in the room are from Schumacher except for the stripe on the corner seat, which is from Greeff; white loop fringe on the curtains is from Consolidated Trimming Co.; the rope fringe on the corner seat, Mansure. The carpet is Alexander Smith's caracul friezé. Lamps by window from Orrefors; other lamps and girandoles from Lightolier.

Dining room furnishings: The modern table and pair of chests come from Jamestown Lounge; the side chairs are from Statton Furniture Co. Draperies and leather upholstery for chairs, from Schumacher. The rug is the same shade of Alexander Smith's French gray twistweave as that in the living room; the French gray Venetian blinds both here and in the living room are custom-made Lido blinds from Carey-McFall Co.

The hall also is carpeted in Alexander Smith's gray caracul friezé, the same as is in the other downstairs rooms thus emphasizing the open character of the first floor. The details of the hall are modern, one wall is glass brick and the stair rail is of brushed metal giving a horizontal effect. The door is ornamented with an unusual octagonal panel. A graceful bench in light wood with curved sides-from Dunbar Furniture Co.-relieves the straight-line severity of the rest of the hall.


## The Living Room

Because of the glass brick partition and corner windows, our living room lends itself naturally to somewhat modern treatment. Our decorator, Mrs. Dodd, has worked out the color scheme around the grays, shrimp pink, flame and green of a chintz in a modernized Chinese design. Gray prevails in the background, and gunmetal mirror covers the mantel and valances. The ceiling is shrimp pink, and flashes of flame in the upholstery stand out against the neutral walls. The piano is Chippendale in motif, modern in feeling

## The Dining Room

The small dining room adjoining the living room repeats the latter's grays and corals. A new note is added as well in the pale yellow ceiling and gold leather upholstery of the chairs. The three colors are combined in the yellow, gray and coral striped draperies. The table is light natural oak, and in the corner, curved shelves, lighted indirectly, hold decorative branches of flame coral


The Bedroom
Below : The master's bedroom is feminine without being froufrou, the color scheme is one of strong colors contrasting with white. The carpet is a clear green with an all-over foliage pattern, matching the trailing vine in the shell-and-berry motif of the wallpaper. The Federal red of the quilted taffeta bed spread cleverly repeats the deep berry shade

## The Study

Above: This upstairs study, converted from a bedroom, gives the man of the house a place which he may call his own. It also provides a comfortable upstairs sitting room. The room is done in deep, masculine tones of beige and green, and no one would suspect that the spacious sofa opens up into a bed when additional sleeping space is needed



UPSTAIRS, the house and decoration were planned to be less obviously modern and follow more traditional lines. The effect is young and gay, though, and particularly so in the master bedroom. Instead of tying the young couple down to a four- or five-piece "set" of bedroom furniture, Mrs. Dodd selected pieces having considerable flexibility. The bed she chose was one of those Siamese twins, joined together under a single wide headboard and bedspread. The twin beds, however, can be pushed apart at night. The head is slip-covered in quilted rose-red Celanese taffeta, to match the bedspread, and the same color is used on the dressing table skirt and as tiebacks for the crisp white Quaker net curtains. The color scheme is taken from the wallpaper with its bright red berries and brilliant green leaves against a white ground.
$\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{HE}}$ leaf-green carpet is a Hightstown twotone design, and the beds, with Simmons Beautyrest mattresses and box springs, are from Hale. The other furniture Mrs. Dodd selected is as follows: the dressing table bench, walnut bookstand table in front of the window, and the night tables are from Robert W. Irwin; the small upholstered button-back chairs are from Statton Furniture Co.; the highboy, in mahogany, which is not shown in the sketch on the opposite page, is from Drexel. The white net curtains, as we have said, are Quaker's; the bedspread and dressing table skirt are Celanese; the white satin stripe on the chairs and bench are from Schumacher. The wallpaper is Imperial's, and all lamps are from Lightolier.

Since there were three bedrooms on the second floor, it was decided to turn one of these into a study which the man of the house might appropriate at times. Here

Mrs. Dodd placed a desk, as there was none on the first floor. She also put in a chest of drawers with a mirror, as well as one of those new comfortable-and-at-the-same-timesmart sofa beds. Thus in a pinch the room might be used as an extra sleeping room.
$\mathrm{T}_{\text {HE color scheme }}$ is masculine and restful though not overpoweringly so. The soft green wallpaper is from Thomas Strahan. Its beige and pale yellow touches are repeated in the ivory caracul twistweave carpet from Alexander Smith and in the gold draperies. All fabrics are from Schumacher; lamps from Lightolier. The furniture comes from the following houses: sofa bed, Simmons; kneehole desk (not shown in sketch) and chest of drawers from Drexel; desk chair, coffee table, end tables, from Statton; barrel chair, Robert W. Irwin; two-tiered table, Tomlinson of High Point. Fringe on curtains is from Mansure; moss fringe on barrel chair, Consolidated Trimmings. Venetian blinds, Carey-McFall.

## And so-

$\mathrm{F}_{\text {rom the beginning we have looked ahead to }}$ the day when the House-for-Two will be a house for three, four, or even five. You turn that upstairs den into a nursery or take over the guest room for Junior, but eventually you will feel the need of the wing shown on the shaded portion of the plan. It adds a maid's room and bath with an entryway to the garage on the first floor, and on the second floor a guest room and bath, and more storage space.

This wing enhances the exterior appearance of the house but does not crowd the lot.

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Handsome copper bowl and ladle for Café Diable, after-dinner coffee and brandy mixed and served flaming. Hammacher-Schlemmer

Large chromium coffee urn with walnut handles will percolate, serve and keep hot twenty cups of good coffee. Manning Bowman


This electric vacuum coffee maker, right, has an "Anyheet" control to brew and keep coffee just hot enough for hours. From Silex Co.


## Good coffee stimulates the mind and warms the heart

Coffee and controversy seem always to have gone hand-in-hand. Shortly after the Arabs first discovered the pleasures of coffeedrinking, the pious Mohammedans began to object to its use, because the social, political and religious arguments it stimulated in the coffee houses frequently led to disturbances. Nevertheless the use of coffee spread, by way of the Venetian traders, to Europe and England where it was alternately praised for its beneficial properties and condemned for its supposedly harmful effects.

Public controversy in England ran high, with both sides printing lurid broadsides setting forth their claims for or against coffee until in 1675 Charles II issued a Royal Proclamation closing the Coffee Houses, but the feeling aroused was so intense the Proclamation was recalled just eleven days later. So the coffee houses remained and grew to be centers of controversy and good discussion. Fine points of art and weighty matters of state were settled at Slaughter's and Lloyd's of London over the coffee cups, and Daniel Webster claimed that the Green Dragon Coffee House in Boston was the (Continued on page 74)

 executed in the grand tradition, with an electric heating element for convenience, from Silverstone

Fine India, China, Oolong and special blended teas to please the fastidious epicure in every mood.


## Tea-drinking brings welcome relaxation to modern living

T$\Gamma_{\text {eatime for most Americans used to }}$ mean just one certain time of day, late in the afternoon, and tea itself was definitely a feminine dish to be served with charming small talk and gossip. Lately we have been learning the virtues of tea and finding them too versatile for any such limitations.

A good cup of tea is one of the better stimulants since it picks you up but does not let you down with a thud, sometime later. It has no food value as it contains only a moderate amount of caffein which gives the mild tonic action, tannin for pungency and the volatile oils which produce the characteristic taste of tea. There are few penalties attached to taking your tea seriously for tests show that the average person can drink tea many times a day without ill effects. Diet-conscious tea drinkers will be glad to know that it produces a distinctly alkaline reaction.

So, teatime is any time when you want a pleasant stimulating drink-at breakfast, midmorning, luncheon, late afternoon, midnight or maybe in between. Lin Yutang, who naturally includes "Tea and Friendship" in The Importance of Living, says that with the Chinese, the times for tea depend (Continued on page 75)


With this squatty brass kettle which heats electrically, fresh boiling water can be made conveniently at the tea table. Chase Brass \& Copper

A fluted glass teapot warmer. A large vigil candle, burning inside the glass warms the pot which is set over a metal grid. Fostoria Glass


Earthenware "tip-over" teapot has a special shelf inside for tea leaves. You tip it back in order to brew the tea. Hammacher-Schlemmer

## From town dump-

 to Community Garden

TThee years ago in the village of New City, the county seat of Rockland County, N. Y., there was a town dump. Like all such unsightly locations it was piled high with old automobile fenders, oil stoves and bed springs. Today on this site spreads a delightful and useful community garden. An energetic and farsighted citizen directed the project, P.W.A. workers furnished the labor, new materials were scooped from the natural resources of the region, and because no money was available -none was spent.

The successful example in beautification is pictured on these pages. But because the problems encountered in New City are similar to those which may be found in other residential communities, they can be profitably enumerated.

The simplest matter-that of clearing the wreckage-was readily performed by P.W.A. workers to whom County Officials were glad to assign jobs that would involve a minimum of expense in addition to wages-jobs that would not compete with private enterprise.

The constructive part of the work presented the first difficulties. A garden, more specifically a community garden in the sense that it was to be of use to the entire community, was not easily designed for New City. For the residents of Rockland County are about as heterogeneous as could be found anywhere. There is a back $\log$ of native farmers with factory workers and laborers, and a superimposed strata of the intelligentsia. Obviously, to be of use to everyone, this garden would have to be unique. It would have to be in good taste and beautiful enough for the most discriminating citizen. And since there were no funds to pay for architectural, structural and decorative designs, the fact that the New City garden is adequate in these respects is credited to an indefatigable little lady, Mrs. Mary Mowbray-Clarke.

Mrs. Mowbray-Clarke is one of Rockland County's earliest settlers. She braved the difficulties of commuting before there were motor cars or hard-surfaced roads in order to come into Man-

## A successful example of beautification

## that probably can be repeated elsewhere

hattan and fill her duties as proprietor of the Sunwise Turn Bookshop. Finally the bookshop was abandoned for a more active rôle of fighting passionately to preserve the native plants and natural beauty of Rockland County. As a result of this Mrs. MowbrayClarke has been made landscape consultant on roadside preservation and assists County Engineer Calvin S. Allison.

With energy and persistence Mrs. Mowbray-Clarke turned to designing New City's garden as soon as she had succeeded in smoothing the slopes of the town dump. Rockland County was settled by the Dutch. For generations its most widely-known industry was brick-making. Mrs. Mowbray-Clarke settled down to study the brick work in Dutch gardens. The 400 full-page illustrations in a booklet issued by the American Brick Manufacturers' Association was a source of help. So were the numerous trade publications that have popularized the manner of employing brick in Dutch garden construction.

Gradually the garden plans appeared on paper among them: a long wall done in a combination of alternating straight and serpentine patterns which gives an unusual light-and-shadow effect as a background for planting; a single brick lattice work, beautifully wrought; and a Dutch brick tea house of sturdy design.

Not expert brick masons, but inexperienced P.W.A. workers executed these plans under Mrs. (Continued on page 79)


RUSTIC ARBOR AND OPEN WALL



VIEW FROM TEA HOUSE ARCH


VARIETIES OF BRICK WORK


ONE OF THE PICNIC GROVES

# The fierthenere's fillenlidir 

Though the hunter's moon hangs
high this month, the gardener still
finds work to do at home


1Late Fall is a better time to plant phlox than Spring. Use small divisions and enrich the ground thoroughly. . . . Collect, grade and bundle stakes.
2 If the ground is open early this month continue to set 2 out peonies. Don't use manure in soil or for mulch. Cover with $3^{\prime \prime}-4^{\prime \prime}$ of loose material.
7 Tulips can go in as long as the ground is not frozen ) hard. Mulch only after ground freezes. ... Keep rhododendrons and evergreens watered.
4 Geraniums of the bedding sort should be placed in the cellar now. Pat up and cut back. Water about once a week. Give the same treatment to fuchsias.
5 If you have not sown the vegetable garden to a cover
) grubs and pests to Winter extermination.
6 Fill window boxes now with small spruces and arbor vitaes to give color in dark months. . . . Repot passion vine, trim back and keep cool till January.
7 Wrap trunks of newly-planted shade trees with strips of burlap puttee-fashion to prevent sun-scald. . . . After flowering cut back chrysanthemums.
(0) As the lawn-mower won't be used any longer, clean
() and have sharpened and put away. Clean all tools not being used and rub with grease.
( ) Burn cut-off foliage of delphiniums, lilies, peonies and d twigs of roses to destroy lurking spores of disease. . . . Heap leaves for later mulching. Order Amaryllis bulbs for the window garden, choosing large specimens. Put in the smallest container with bulb half above soil. Keep cool, shaded.
You can heap manure around old rhubarb plants now. Dig a few clumps with soil, allow to freeze outdoors and then box up for cellar forcing.
19 November is the month to plant roses. Have soil pre-
12 pared. Plant roots firmly. Cut back and heap soil to top of stems. Mulch after freezing.
15 Make cuttings of forsythia, mock oranges and other shrubs. Bury in damp sand in cellar or cold frame. They will root readily in the Spring. Today, plant paper-white narcissi in pebbles or prepared fibre. They will bloom for Christmas. . . . Store garden furniture, plan pieces to be repainted.
15 Start heaping up soil around roses, especially hybrid teas and polyanthus. You can also, at this time, give the rose beds a coating of bone meal.
16 As Winter protection is described on pages 52 and 53 , it will not be discussed here. . . . Have you sent those promised seed packets to friends? Save one cold frame for early planting next Spring. . . Weed strawberry beds and flower borders of last minute weeds. . . . Bring potting soil indoors. Give Saintpaulia, a little gem for window gardens, a shady corner. Keep roots damp. Remove flowers as they fade. Plants live a year. For a list of ivies to grow indoors this Winter see pages 34 and 35 . Try other foliage plant-araucaria, coleus, dieffenbachias and dracaenas. November is a good month for dividing and transplanting garden ferns. . . . Cut suckers from bases of fruit trees and lilacs. . . . Buy bird feeding stations. Little forcing frames over Christmas roses protect their flowers now blooming. . . . Work on compost heap, layering green stuff and manure.
99 Cactus soil should contain $25 \%$ sand. A light fibrous soil for ferns and begonias needs $50 \%$ peat moss. For acid soil, add $25 \%$ acid peat moss. Any rainy day now, give the potting shed a general clean-up. Wash pots. Check over supplies for Winter use. Have you a good thermometer?
9) By this time foxgloves, Canterbury bells, pansies, Eng. lish daisies, forget-me-nots and the tender "hardy" chrysanthemums are in cold frames. Philodendrons enjoy being pot-bound. If the vines grow too long, you can train them along shelves. By the way-cut off a section and root. Drain water from lily pools and board them over. Indoors start working on a terrarium or build a Wardian case for house propagation. Begin feeding shrubs by punching holes with a crowbar around perimeter of the branches and filling with bone meal. Place manure around lilacs.
Those who own a greenhouse, even the smallest, are the envy of those who do not. Call on greenhouse friends-and don't resist the temptation.
90) Certain vegetables are sweeter for being frost bitten. especially parsnips and turnips. Keep them in the ground. Cabbages should be housed now. Some months will pass before the new catalogs appear. Read some new garden books, the history of gardening or the travels of plant explorers.

A good winter diversion for gardeners is to search for seeds of unusual plants. This often involves getting catalogs from abroad or corresponding with plant lovers in foreign lands. Be sure, though, that you recog. nize the plants by their names. There's no use just raising a lot of botanical weeds.


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Black walls-blued-offlike a raven's wing - with Sloanedesigned bleached oak furniture for the House of Years' dining room. Table: $\$_{2}$ go. Chairs: $\$ 80$ each, in muslin including labor to cover, Zebrastriped linen: $\$ 3.75 \mathrm{ayd}$.

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FIFTH AVENUE AT 47TH•NEW YORK

## IIIISS IIII FOOIIS

Notes on a wine cellar and what to eat and drinka department written by the Editor-who is also President of the New York Wine and Food Society

Mene Puzzles. Marvelous are the ways of translators of menus. They do just as the dictionary bids them, word for word. The North German Lloyd's elaborate and beautiful menu cards are perhaps the tops of transatlantic gastronomic announcements, but they add also to the merriment of passengers. We accepted with only a faint smile "Ice Coupé Baby", but when "Illustrated Cucumbers" appeared, we choked over our next six sips of Johannisberger.

Wine and Cheese. Cheese is careful of the company it keeps. Indeed some gourmets grimly hold that cheese and crackers should be eaten alone, without liquid accompaniment. They concede, however, that radishes go well with Gorgonzola, celery with Stilton, onions with Cheddar and pears with any Italian hard cheese such as Cavallo. The liberals of the gastronomic set widen the circle to include the following: with Stilton, beer or Burgundy; with Gruyère, Claret; with Port du Salut, Burgundy; with Cheshire, Port or Sherry; with Roquefort, Port; with Pont l'Evêque, Sauternes.

Teas. The number of virtues attributed to tea would fill several volumes. Naturally, they fall into four classifications: the delight of the eye, the delight of the nostrils, the delight of the palate and the delight of the nerves. In this order should tea be enjoved: its color, its fragrance, its taste and its stimulation. There are subtle differences in color between the various teas when brewed properly. Those who know not the smoky aroma of Lapsang-Souchong or the delicate perfumes of Jasmine Flower or Rose or Chloranthus have still awaiting a pleasure for their nostrils. China, Mother of Teas, claims medical properties for some of her teas. Bitter Orange tea is said to cure constipation and troubles in the gastrointestinal tract. Jasmine and Chekiang facilitate digestion. Yellow Mountain cures nervousness and Lemon tea is an antidote for drunkenness!

Brandy on the Shelf. An old custom, as good today as it was in the days of our grandparents, is to keep a bottle of first rate brandy on the medicine shelf. About this medicinal brandy, a whole code of honor developed. It was held sacred. It was never to be used for casual tippling, never to be brought forth and paraded. Its purposes were essentially respectable. In case of emergency, in case of chills or accident, then it appeared as an angel of mercy. Woe betide any loose liver who would sink so low as even to draw the cork of that bottle for ordinary drinking purposes.

The Cardamon. And while we are on old-fashioned customs, did your grandmother have her handy box of cardamon seeds? Cardamon (or carda$\mathrm{mom})$ is the fruit of Elettaria carda-
momom matom which is extensively cultivated in Ceylon and India. It comes to the market in three forms: the bleached fruit, which is a pearly white capsule containing ten to twelve seeds; green cardamons, which are harvested before ripening; and cardamon seeds, which develop within the pods of the two varieties mentioned.

The flavor of cardamon is faintly like that of Cologne-definite, clean and slightly warm. It is widely used in Scandinavia for pastry flavoring. The best capsules of cardamon are bleached and served at bars as a breath sweet ener. Tincture of cardamon is found in the manufacture of pharmaceuticals For this the green cardamons, roughly ground, are used.

We find this aromatic seed in bologna, headcheese, liverwurst and in many sausage products. The bleached capsules are popular in pickles for their flavor and the decorative touch they add. From a medical standpoint carda mon aids digestion.

A cardamon capsule, broken and dropped in after-dinner coffee, is a gustatory refinement highly prized by the Arabs who are the world's greates experts on good coffee. For American palates one or two of the little black seeds in the capsule may be more pleas ing in coffee. The seeds sprinkled on a breakfast melon make a delicious combination. To a fruit or a mixed, spicy vegetable salad, they impart a myste rious and wonderful flavor.

Vermouth Uses. For a simple apéritif use Italian or French Vermouth according to preference, with a twist of lemon peel. Serve very cold

Vermouth Cassis consists of two thirds Vermouth, one-third Crème de Cassis, plenty of ice and seltzer or good charged water.

Vermouth and seltzer-one-third Vermouth to two-thirds seltzer, with ice, is a palatable and innocuous begin ning. Or half Italian and half French served very cold without ice.

And, since garden ladies are going in so strong for herb dishes and drinks, we might suggest that the Vermouth are one of the easiest ways to take their herbs.

Breathing Wines. Never judge a wine by the first sip. Let it "breathe" let it have contact with the air and its full flavor will emerge. This applies to both American and foreign wines in fact, breathing definitely improves American Clarets and Burgundies and in the case of wines that are chilled, it seems almost essential.

Which Are You? In London, when a hostess isn't certain of the tastes of her guests, she calls up the men and makes no bones about asking, "Are you a red or a white wine man?"

Richardson Wright


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PLANTING THE STONE CURB

Astone curbing along a paved walk, especially if the walk can be of good width, say, four or five feet, is always an effective garden feature. If the stones can be of slightly varying colors and textures so much the better.

Often it is possible to find stones patched with interesting mosses and lichens. Care should be taken not to disturb these growths; they add greatly to the charm of the finished curb. One should remember, too, that stone surfaces freshly uncovered from the soil require a very long time to lose this newly-dug look. Consequently only stones already weathered should be used. In placing the individual stones one should remember that the deeper they can extend into the ground the more likely they are to remain in place. It is often better to set them so they slant slightly away from the walk. This tends to prevent their being thrown out by the action of frost. The actual building of a curb of this sort is a comparatively simple matter. Finding the proper stones is the hardest part of the undertaking.

## as a planting site

Once in place, the stone curb provides a fascinating planting site. It needs draping and festooning, not too lavishly, however. There is no point in covering the entire surface. It is a sort of intermediate form between dry wall and rock garden, and can be quite as interesting as either. There is, however, this difference-the curb is an adjunct rather than a main feature, and should not be exploited to the point where it detracts appreciably from the flower planting that is to stand above and behind it. The most effective method of keeping the curb planting subdued is the avoidance of over-bright colors. One might say that colors should be used in amounts varying inversely with their brilliancewhich, by the way, may very well be the best rule for any type of planting. Here, at any rate, it is good practice. The soft, so-called pastel shades seem most appropriate. If these are used, little heed need be given to what the
plants in the bed behind them may be.
Over-regularity and its accompanying stiffness should be avoided. The plants used should, of course, be mainly low and spreading, with an occasional subject of low but more upright growth for contrast. Informality and as nearly a natural effect as possible should be aimed at. So one selects plants with different habits as well as colors: compact tufted specimens, loosely spreading sorts, and dainty trailing species. Occasionally fairly large masses of a single plant are employed to "tie" the curb planting to that of the bed. They should flower at different times, and, when out of flower, serve as foils for others yet in bloom. Many species and varieties of flowering plants are available, which perfectly suit this special purpose. Any rock gardener will know the things with which to grace a stone curb.

## USEFUL SPRING FLOWERS

Here, however, I wish to mention briefly some of the sorts I have found especially useful. For very early flowering there is Arabis, and it is to be had in several varieties. Every gardener knows the more common single white form. But a single pink Arabis as well as a double-flowered white are also available. Arabis blooms with the early tulips.

For May flowering there is nothing more useful than the creeping phloxes, $P$. subulata in the catalogues. Its colors are several tints of pink and soft blue, bright rosy red and pure white. The lemon-flowered hardy Alyssum argenteum flowers along with these early dwarf phloxes. To furnish deeper blues there are a dozen types of forget-menots, more or less distinct in height and habit of growth. Of these some form compact little plants, others grow taller and stand upright, and still others are low and spreading.

With the one exception of Myosotis palustris, the water forget-me-not, all are annuals and should be removed after flowering, later flowering annuals being set in their places. That (Continued on page 84)


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## I LOVE COFFEE

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## types of coffee

Coffee drinking may no longer be a matter of public concern but we still take it pretty seriously arguing loud and long over the different kinds and ways of making it. We drink a lot of coffee and we insist that it be good. Though coffee-making has changed little in the Orient where it was discovered six hundred years ago, in America we have made tremendous improvements in every step in the coffee-making process.

With over a hundred different coffees coming to our markets from nineteen countries, so many different combinations are possible that there is bound to be a straight coffee or blend to please every taste. For those who "can't touch it" there are several coffees low in caffein like some of the Puerto Rican brands, or others with the caffein removed by a special proces.

When green coffee is roasted the berries swell up as the oils are "cooked." They are thus made ready for instantaneous solution with boiling water after the cells have been opened by grinding. Many coffee lovers pride themselves on roasting their own green coffee, but it is doubtful if any but the most expert can improve on commercial roasting as it is done today.

Since the true strength of coffee is determined by the grinding, not the boiling, it is generally true that the finer the grind the better the yield. The old practice of grinding your own coffee just before using it, is still the best way to keep the full flavor and aroma, though vacuum packaging and dated delivery systems have done much to do away with stale coffee.
usual types of coffee making
The numerous coffee-makers available today can be classed under three general types: percolators, drip method and vacuum type. Of course there are those who still swear by boiled coffee, and many of them can turn out a very good cup, but this seems to be an inherited ability the secret of which seems impossible to learn.

The one thing to remember with all coffee methods is that correct
brewing is not cooking, it is extraction of the already cooked oils from the fibrous tissue or grounds. If the water and coffee are left together too long the brew will be bitter. The finished coffee is also spoiled by being boiled again, or by cooling, as this breaks down the fusion of the oils and water.

Good coffee should be served immediately or kept just under the boiling point. Many cooks claim their excellent coffee is due to the homely practice of stuffing the snout of the pot to prevent an unnecessary loss of aroma while it is brewing.

Talleyrand's description of the perfect brew still serves as a criterion for many coffee-lovers today: "Noir comme le diable, chaud comme l'enfer, pur comme un ange, doux comme l'amour."
varlations in coffee making
Though we take a very pardonable pride in the coffee we have developed as our national drink, there are many variations, adapted by other countries, which are delicious and pleasant to serve. That famous coffee which was the pride of old Vienna was usually made by a pumping percolator, or drip method, and served with two parts of cream to one of hot milk, topped off with whipped cream. A rich dish, and perfect to serve with fresh rolls at an afternoon party or Kaffee Klatsch.

Coffee and cordials
The French insist that coffee demitasse must be served with liqueur "for digestion's sake", so it is usually accompanied by cognac, Benedictine or other cordial. Some prefer to pour their cognac in the hot coffee and a popular American infringement on this old custom is the use of gin in after-dinner coffee.

From the South American countries comes a coffee custom which is making the early morning more bearable for many people. A small cup of very strong black coffee, known to the initiate as a coffee cocktail or "small black" served immediately upon arising or even better, before you are out of bed, will forestall the most persistent morning grouch.


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## I LOVE TEA

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only upon the atmosphere and the company. Since "tea is invented for quiet company as wine is invented for a noisy party", he claims it would be disastrous to drink tea "with babies crying around or with loud-voiced women or politicstalking men". Quoting Ch'asu, he lists among the Proper Moments for Drinking Tea:

When one's heart and hands are idle When one's thoughts are disturbed Engaged in conversation deep in night Before a bright window and a clear desk
When children are at school
If you have no leanings toward the contemplative life, you can take your advice from the tea-drinking English, and follow Dr. Johnson who regaled his witty friends hour after hour while his tea pot "had scarcely time to cool"

## making tea

Good tea-making is a simple ritual which never varies and never fails. Everything that is used must be perfectly clean. This means the kettle, the earthenware pot, strainer, serving pot, cups and spoons and it also means that the tea itself must be kept away from other strong flavors which might affect its taste. The real tea lover enjoys the ritual and seldom leaves the kettle after it begins to sing. He may stop to take off the lid and watch the tiny bubbles called "fish eyes" as they form for the first boil, then he listens as the gentle singing turns into a "gurgle" and the small bubbles come up the sides of the kettle. When the vapor comes from the spout, just before a full boil "like billowing waves", he takes the kettle from the fire and quickly scalds the pot inside and out and empties it.

Into the still steaming pot he puts three-quarters of a teaspoon of tea for each cup and the same "for the pot". After the tea leaves have expanded in the steam he pours on the fresh boiling water and lets it stand, usually three minutes for China, or green teas, and four to five minutes for India tea or mixtures. Then he pours the tea fast off the leaves into a hot serving pot and sits down to enjoy it.

Whether you add lemon, cream, or milk and sugar to your tea is entirely a personal matter, disturbing only to the true connoisseur. Rum in hot tea is a grand Winter drink and the Russian custom of serving wild strawberry jam either in the tea or to be eaten along with it, makes a gala tea party.

Two tablespoons of common red wine in a cup of very hot tea, is one of the best remedies for chills.

Iced tea seems to be our own idea, a typically American drink. It should be made stronger than hot tea since it will be diluted with the ice and it is possible to make a whole day's supply at one time and still have it good if the tea is poured off the leaves, covered, and set aside to cool at room temperature. Don't put it in the refrigerator as it may lose its flavor and absorb odors from other foods. Incidentally, hot tea really does carry off in evaporation from the body more heat than iced tea and is therefore more cooling.

Beneath their lovely glamorous names, all teas are divided into three general types-black, green and oolong. These differences are due to the method of treating the leaf after it is picked. Green tea, from China and Japan, is withered and heat-treated almost immediately after it is picked. The leaves which are to be made into black teas, principally from India, Ceylon, Java and Sumatra, are put into dark humidified rooms for several hours before firing to bring out the natural leaf juices and essential oils of the tea. Oolong from Formosa represents another curing process between the green and black.
grading tea
Teas are graded according to the size of the leaf and given such grade names as Broken Orange Pekoe, Pekoe, Pekoe Souchong and Souchong. Despite a firm American belief that Pekoe, Orange Pekoe, etc., mean high quality tea, the awful truth is that such grades refer entirely to leaf sizes and have little to do with the quality beyond the general principle that the smaller leaves are more desirable. It's the local condi tions that affect the quality of tea; the altitude, temperature, rainfall and general climate in which it was grown.

Most teas available to the consumer have already been blended by experts to provide uniformity, high quality and taste. In blending teas, al lowance can be made for the special properties of water in different sections of the country. The importance of tea adapted to local water conditions can hardly be over-estimated and consequently good tea merchants are glad to work with tea drinkers in different parts of the country, supplying samples of dif ferent blends until the right combination of tea for the local water is found.
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"a goodly sight to see
What heaven hath done for this delicious land
What fruits of fragrance blush on every tree!"

Then, with the thought that new apples will soon be in season, we turn to a variety of dishes with which to tempt the masculine head of the house. For the apple is a masculine favorite. Just watch how carefully a man will peel and slice an apple to eat with his Camembert or Roquefort. How he will scan the desserts on a menu and beam with satisfaction on the item: Apple Pie! Parfait for the ladies, perhaps, but apple pie with its wedge of cheese, for the gentlemen. And so it has been since the days of Monsieur Dumas who wrote so romantically of kings, queens and musketeers-but so practically about apples: "Absolutely no water; cook the apples in butter and allow them to catch on the bottom of the pan to scorch a little, thereby giving them a grilled flavor."

Fortunately for us there is more variety today in the preparation of apples which will please the feminine palate as well as the masculine gourmet. There is more variety, too, in the apples themselves. We have the clean, crisp breakfast apples, small green apples for pickling, crabapples for jelly, and cider apples that must be sweeter and contain sufficient tannin to do the right thing for cider.

English, German, Swedish, French and American housewives have their favorite recipes for apple cookery. Going into a discussion on the subject is a risk-very much like bringing up the question of eggnog or fruit cake with their sacred traditional recipes. But in the face of all authority we offer a few of the recipes we have tried and found very pleasing, knowing well that a bit of genius-the individual touch-will do a great deal for the simplest everyday dishes.

That old stand-by, the baked apple, takes a very important place in the family menu. Of course, freshly baked apples are the best. They should never be a left-over, nor should they ever be chilled as it leaves them tasteless and "wooden". For variety of flavor, try these:

## baked apples

Core the apples and fill the opening with orange or apricot marmalade. Sprinkle with ground cinnamon, put in a pan with a little water mixed with marmalade for basting, place in an oven $\left(375^{\circ}\right)$ for thirty to forty minutes, and test with a toothpick for tenderness. Add a little freshly grated nutmeg when done-a final touch which enriches the seasoning.

## baked apples vermont

Use a large corer and pack the holes of big crisp apples with brown sugar, seedless raisins, chopped pecans and bits of butter. Pour a little maple
syrup over them, and add half a cup of hot water in the pan to baste the apples. When cooked, cool and serve.

## apple pancakes

Two eggs, well beaten. Two tablespoonfuls of sugar and a pinch of salt-added to beaten eggs. Mix in half a cup of milk and one cup of sifted flour. Thin out the mixture with one more cup of milk and four tablespoonfuls of melted butter. Add a cupful of finely chopped apples. Cook the pancakes on a greased, hot griddle. Roll and serve with powdered sugar and a dash of lemon juice. Excellent with sausages. If the batter is too thin for the individual taste, add more flourbut very thin pancakes seem more appetizing.
stuffed apples to serve hot with suckling pig

We owe the following delicacy to a charming Southern lady whose home on New Year's Day was open to all her friends for the Feast of the Suckling Pig and Stuffed Apples. We began many New Years with that ceremony, and the last always seemed the bestas everything rightly should.

One large tart apple per person. Cut a slice off the top (not the stem end) and with a little patience carefully scoop out the inside to form a cup. Discarding the core and seeds, finely chop the rest of the inside. Mix with brown sugar to taste, bits of butter, chopped walnuts, large meaty raisins that have been seeded, and a little finely-chopped citron. Add a dash of freshly ground nutmeg, and the same of ground clove. Flavor the apple stuffing with rum. Fill the apple cups quite high as the stuffing may shrink a little. Put in a baking pan, into which has been mixed hot water, brown sugar, nutmeg and rum for basting. The finishing point must be judged as the apples may vary, but ours in a moderate oven$325^{\circ}$ to $350^{\circ}$-have taken almost an hour.

A Yorkshire deep-dish apple pie
Motoring to Scotland one year in the early Fall for a little "rough shooting" (could anything be more expressive of that whatever-you-can-get-for-the-bag expedition?) we stopped "somewhere" in Yorkshire for lunch. It was a crisp day and thoughts of roast beef and Yorkshire pudding were tormenting an appetite that has never needed coaxing.

We entered a dark, quiet dining room-the silent diners merely concerned with the business of eating. It was the Sabbath and there was no joy of living, nor signs of holiday enthusiasm. One took the lunch-very defi-nitely-there was no choice and one took it without a murmur. The beef was served but it was stewed and disappointing, along with many other faults. The meal seemed long but at last, to restore our faith in a gastronomic world, a deep-dish apple pie appeared in all its perfection, and here it is for you:

For a ten-inch pie use nine crisp,
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## THAT VERSATILE FAVORITE-THE APPLE

tart apples, pared, cored and cut in thin slices. Mix three-quarters of a cup of sugar with the apples (it must not be too sweet) and put them in the dish with bits of butter between layers of apples, and four or five whole cloves scattered here and there. Pile the apples higher in the center so that the pie will not drop or, as they do in England for all deep-dish pies, put an oldfashioned egg cup in the center of the pie dish to hold up the crust. Add four tablespoonfuls of water and cover with the pastry rolled out about a quarter of an inch thick. The crust must not be too short or "wafery".

Put the pie in a glass deep-dish in a hot oven and reduce the heat after eight or ten minutes, then cook until the apples are tender. Remove from the oven and on top of the crust put slices of Cheddar cheese. Return the hot pie to the oven and leave it there just long enough to melt the cheese a little-the cheese must not bubble. Serve hot, passing a shaker of powdered sugar for those who like more sweetening.

## apple sodfflé

Six egg whites, stiffly beaten. With this mix one cup of strained, smooth apple sauce, sweetened to taste and flavored with a little vanilla or kirsch. Turn the mixture into a well-buttered glass baking dish; set the dish in a pan of hot water and bake in a moderate oven ( $350^{\circ}$ ) twenty-five to thirty minutes. Serve immediately with the following sauce: Cream one-third of a cup of butter with one cup of sugaradd the yolks of three eggs slightly beaten, then stir in slowly one-third of a cup of boiling water and three tablespoonfuls of lemon juice. Cook in the upper part of the double boiler-stirring constantly-until slightly thickened and after removing from the stove, add three tablespoonfuls of the strained apple sauce.

## southern stewed apples

Put six large, firm apples, peeled and quartered-and with the cores re-moved-in an enamelled sauce pan. Add half a cup of water and sugar to taste. Simmer for half an hour; then add the pulp of half an orange and the thinly peeled rind of one orange, onehalf teaspoon of ground allspice, one blade of mace and a very scant teaspoon of ground cinnamon. Continue simmering until it forms a rich tender compote and serve during the meal.

## tirginia baked apple dumplings

Make sufficient biscuit dough for six apples, adding the well-beaten yolks of two eggs. Pare and core six medium--ized apples, and fill the cavities with a mixture of brown sugar, chopped pecans, ground clove to taste and just enough orange marmalade to make a heavy paste. Do not be sparing with the filling. Roll out the biscuit dough onequarter of an inch thick and cut it in six-inch squares. Put one apple in the center of each square with bits of butter on the apple, and draw up the corners of the dough on top of the apple, sealing it by moistening the edges of the dough.

Beat one egg white and brush the outside of each dumpling. Shake coarse sugar over them, put them on a baking sheet in a hot oven for ten or twelve minutes and then reduce the heat and finish with twenty more minutes' baking in a moderate oven $\left(325^{\circ}\right.$ to $\left.350^{\circ}\right)$.

## florence's pan dowdy

Fill a deep glass baking dish with as many sliced apples as it will holdadding bits of butter generously here and there and sprinkling a little flour between layers. When the baking dish is full, pour in molasses slowly to fill every vacant spot or air pocket. Set in a very slow oven and bake four to five hours. When cooked, the apples are golden and transparent. Remove from the oven and cover the top with a thin flaky puff paste. Return to the oven and cook until the crust is ready. Serve warm-not hot-with thick cream.

## SOME NORMAN recipes:

Normandy-that birthplace of so many excellent cheeses, boastful of its thick sweet cream and excellent cooking, is equally proud of its apples, from blossoms to Calvados.

There they have no "vin du pays", so they insist that every good regional dish in that smiling country be washed down with cider. Not to be outdone by the grape growers, they have given us Calvados, Applejack-to those whose memory goes back to less blessed days-but more tenderly matured and aged in the wood until it appears as a rival of the finest Cognac, Marc or Armagnac. Norman housewives give us the following recipes which we have chosen from a large collection:
omelette aux pommes ì la
normande
Core, peel and dice two large apples. Put them in a pan, with a closelyfitting cover, adding four tablespoonfuls of melted butter and three of sugar. Steam the apples until cooked-they must remain a bit crisp-and set aside. Beat six eggs, adding a pinch of salt, until very light and add a heaping tablespoon of sugar. Put a large piece of butter in the omelet pan and when it is melted-not sizzling-add the eggs. As they set over a slow fire, free the edges around the pan with a spatula. When the omelet is done to taste put the apples in the center, fold over, and slip the omelet gently out of the pan onto a hot platter. Sprinkle with powdered sugar and, for professional decoration, sear with a hot iron.

This is served as a luncheon dish at the end of the meal. Should you like the extra touch, pour over the omelet a small glass of Calvados and serve it flaming.
apple meringue with rice
Prepare the rice by boiling three tablespoonfuls in one quart of hot milk to which has been added a pinch of salt. The cover of the sauce pan must fit tightly and this must be cooked over a slow fire, stirring the rice occasionally. When the rice is almost cooked, (Continued on page 80)


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## SNOW ROSES FOR WINTER BLOOM

IF you have ever seen a well-grown plant of Helleborous niger, the Christmas rose, blooming in the sumshine on a crisp, cold December day, you will not find it hard to believe some of the interesting old legends that link this truly heavenly flower with the birth of Christ. It has a purity that seems almost ethereal, and your first thought is to protect its frail beauty from the cruel elements of Winter. Yet this is just what you should not do, for the plant under glass stops blooming very much earlier than the one under a blanket of snow. In Switzerland they call these flowers "Snow roses", and the colorful groups of skaters and skiers are seen returning home from the snow-clad mountains with armfuls of them.

In this section of the country, New York, New England, etc., the true Helleborous niger is almost always in bloom in time to supply flowers for the Thanksgiving dinner table, and if the plant is healthy there will still be flowers on it at the end of March. When the temperature gets down around zero the whole plant will wilt and become prostrate. But when it gets back to around thirty-two degrees or above freezing the stems rise up again.

These plants start to bloom before the snow falls in this climate and are apt to be spattered with mud by the late rains unless the soil around them is protected with leaves. It is a fact that the true Helleborous niger blooms from late November until the middle
of March, but it is in December that it is at its best. Unfortunately, at this time the bees are still actively hunting nectar for their honey, though the frost long since has deprived them of their lavish supply of garden flowers. They pounce upon these dainty mor sels as though they thought them almost too good to be true. A spot is left where each little foot lights, for the petals are very much like the camellia or gardenia in texture, and turn brown wherever touched. A hailstorm will play havoc with them in the same way.

As early as October the buds can be seen pushing out of the crown, and from this time on care should be taken to keep them covered with the foliage, for if the strong light reaches them they will bloom before the flower has had time to develop properly or the stem has grown sufficiently tall. The plant is most beautiful when the buds reach above the leaves before they begin to open.

The Christmas rose is listed as an herbaceous perennial but is in reality an evergreen, for its deeply serrated. rugged, dark green leaves persist all through the Winter. In the vicinity of New York City they die down completely in the early Spring, and when cut off are replaced with new, bright green ones within a few days. In some parts of Europe it never loses its leaf. age. This is, no doubt, the reason that the plant increases so much more rapidly there than it does here. Healthy (Continued on page 88)


Called by some Christmas rose, by others Snow rose, Helleborous niger is one of the few Winter outdoor flowers grown in the North

A vase of waxy white Christmas roses and evergreen holly-leaved barberry plucked in Winter will last fresh indoors for over ten days


## FROM TOWN DUMP TO COMMUNITY GARDEN

Mowbray-Clarke's direction. She devel oped as much latent talent as she could among the workmen. Her good-humor and earnestness led them on.

The community garden stands today as an accomplished fact. The garden is entered by way of a commodious tea house. Beyond, through a great arch, is a long vista of the formal section of the garden. At the far end a charming open-air theatre serves to accommodate gatherings too large for the tea house

Everywhere is evidence of how available materials have been turned to use. A delightful rustic pergola, for example, cleverly marks the change from the formal to the naturalistic plantings. This pergola is made of discarded tele phone poles. For in Rockland County not even the Public Service Companies escaped from contributing their bit.

It is on the shaded winding paths of the naturalistic section that the garden has progressed far beyond the hopes of the creator. Nature came back with a rush. Wildings, formerly native but long since exterminated by local vandalism, have been planted. Patches of arbutus are reëstablishing themselves. A chestnut, now old enough to produce a few nuts, has so far escaped the blight. A rugged vine, rescued from the brush hooks of the clearing gang, is covering large sections of the underbrush. A group of spicebush has grown lustily in an incredibly short time. A once-rubbish-clogged stream flows between fern-decked banks. In this wild area numerous clearings house individual family picnic spots equipped
with seats and tables of stone and wood.
Adjacent to this section are the substantial beginnings of other projects, all associated with the Dutch Gardens. Some visitors will be most intrigued with the water garden where the remains of an old grist mill will make an ideal setting. Others will be drawn to the rock garden. But for the local crowds, the new baseball diamond is the center of attraction with the children's playground, a shaded "rolling spot" for babies, and a safe wading pool for toddlers as close favorites.

In a large area recently acquired additional sport fields will be added, and a tract of woodland, quite different in character from the sloping stream bank, will be renaturalized. This extension has been made possible through the success of the existing community garden, for the inhabitants of Rockland County now realize that in Dutch Gardens they have a valuable asset.

No "do not pick the wild flowers" signs rear their unsightly heads in the New City garden. It is hardly necessary when there is such native pride in the development. As a precaution there are the "woods police"-school children and Boy and Girl Scouts who politely, but firmly, protect their playgrounds.

Perhaps what has been accomplished psychologically is even more important than the physical aspects of the garden. It has helped in a very real way to unite the different elements in a very diversified county. The New City Community Garden is an example that may be emulated in other localities. F. F. Rockwell

## MARYLAND HOUSE REBUILT

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In rebuilding their home in Hagerstown, Maryland, Mr. and Mrs. Onderdonk planned this terrace overlooking their garden in back of the house


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## THE ROBERT MONTGOMERYS LIVE HERE

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is red with a border stripe of white The drain boards are rubber tiling and the wall back of the stove is finished with stainless steel.

Upstairs, the children's rooms have overhead lights in the shape of large drums. Elizabeth's room is in blue and white and the paper has rural scenes on it. Robert has soldiers and drums on his wallpaper and the colors are red and white. They each have a dressing room and share a bath.

The master bedroom has twin beds with white ruffled organdy canopies and tie back curtains on either side. The walls are a light gray with dead white woodwork. Color is introduced by means of the upholstered furniture in the room. A sofa that fits into a recessed window is done in light green flowered chintz. An old-fashioned Martha Washington chair is in a red print and a high back wing chair has a vellow background with flowers. Over the fireplace in this room is a Paul Sample water color sketch of his "Red Barn" which is in the Metropolitan.

Off this master bedroom are two dressing rooms. We found that separate dressing room and bathroom made both rooms very small, so we decided to combine them. In my dressing room the tub is recessed and I have treated it like a window with rubberized silk curtains, ruffled and tied back. The dif ference between them and the organdy window curtains is not noticeable. The dressing table and wash basin with a mirror top extend across the room. The
wallpaper is blue with a small silver leaf figure. There is an overhead light in this room and I planned it of crystal balls to look as much like drops of water as possible. On the walls are some framed letters of Confederate Generals and one of Jefferson Davis which were a gift to the "rebel" from her husband.

Mr. Montgomery's dressing room is in pine. It has a wash basin and a stall shower. We used structural glas on the wash basin, colored as nearly as possible to match the pine. There is a red leather day bed and a red leather screen. A Lassell Ripley water color and two original Thurber drawings adorn the walls

The guest bedroom has an off white paper with an urn and green-ivy motif. There are two Currier ship prints and a snow scene in water color by Paul Sample. This room seemed to need mahogany and so the four poster twin beds in here are dark mahog. any.

With the exception of this guest room and the dining room for which I had the furniture previously, everything is done in maple. All the maple things we ordered from a place in Harrisonburg, Virginia, which is called the Virginia Craftsmen. They had previously done the furniture for our New York home and it had been very satisfactory. Their work is all done by hand, as nearly as possible in the old way, using pegs instead of nails.

Elizabeth Montgomery

# THAT VERSATILE FAVORITE-THE APPLE 

add half a cup of sugar. The mixture must be creamy when removed from the stove. Pour it into a shallow glass dish that can go into the oven-allow it to cool.

In the meanwhile core, peel and quarter four nice apples and drop them in a syrup made of two cups of sugar and two and one-half cups of water, and flavored with vanilla. When the apples are tender remove them from the syrup and drain them thoroughly. Arrange them on top of the rice, and cover, as you would a pie, with a meringue made of four egg whites (with a pinch of salt) beaten to a froth, adding one-half a cup of finely granulated sugar a little at a time-and a little vanilla. Bake in a moderate oven ( $325^{\circ}$ ) until the meringue sets.
pommes à la crème aU Kirsch
Prepare the quartered apples as in the above recipe. Cool and drain thoroughly. Whip rich cream with sugar to taste and flavor it with kirsch. Prepare in individual glass dishes by putting a little cream in the bottom of each dish, then the apple, and on top more cream. Sprinkle macaroon crumbs on the top. The cream can be flavored with anisette or rum.

## pommes brillat-savarin

A delicate dessert, named after that gentle philosopher who wrote so delightfully on the pleasures of the
table and the art of eating.
Arrange lady fingers at the bottom of a flat dish and sprinkle lightly with rum or Calvados. On top of the cake place apples cut in half and cooked in syrup as in the recipe above. One tablespoonful of apricot purée (or apricot marmalade thinned out) on each piece of apple, and some blanched and shredded Jordan almonds. When serving, pass a boiled custard sauce to which a little more of the rum has been added if desired.

## FARMERS BISHOP

And as a tribute to the fruit which has served us such a variety of good things, why not on a frosty night when the cider presses have been generous, a glass of that delicious hot punch known as Farmers Bishop?

Take half a dozen oranges and stick them full of whole cloves. Put them in a baking pan, and bake in a moderate oven until the juice begins to exude. Remove from the oven and put them in a large pot-if you haven't a metal punch bowl that can be put over an alcohol flame. Add sugar to taste and one quart of Apple Brandy. Set fire to the Apple Brandy and after it has flamed for a few moments, slowly extinguish the flame by gently adding half a gallon of sweet cider. Keep the bowl, or pot, over a slow flame, add cinnamon and nutmeg to taste and serve it hot. Do not let it boil or you will lose some of the flavor.

## A WEATHER-EYE

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A nice combination of scientific study and natural "feel", it has a definite human value which appeals to many who have no interest in the usual collecting hobbies. It is a year-round interest which deepens with experience so that the forecaster improves with the years and his social success is assured for he can always find some reason to talk about the weather.

## thermometer readings

The most familiar weather instrument is of course the thermometer. With one of the new "Indoor-Outdoor" thermometers installed on an outside wall, this part of your weather observation can be made at a glance. Weatherminded fiends who gloat over the hottest day and the coldest night of the year should certainly enjoy the type of thermometer that records these extremes, in addition to showing the current temperature. A little indicator, moved by the double columns of mercury, marks the extremes in each col$u \mathrm{mn}$. The temperature may change, but the indicator now remains fixed.

Actual forecasting of the weather centers around the barometer which indicates coming, not present, weather by measuring the weight of the air, or atmospheric pressure. For whenever pressure changes, there will be weather changes of some kind.

## ORIGIN OF THE BAROMETER

Barometers look terribly technical and the readings seem to be purposely confusing given, as they are, in inches and fractions-inches of what, and why? It's really both simple and logical. The first barometers were glass tubes containing mercury which rose or fell so many fractions of an inch as the pressure changed, whence comes the salty and familiar expression "The glass is falling". Since a mercury-filled glass tube about three feet long is not a very handy instrument, aneroid barometers, which work on a vacuum chamber principle, have been adopted for general use, but the pressure is still faithfully recorded in inches on the clock-like faces of aneroid barometers.

## barometer readings

The words Rain, Change and Fair are located at those points on the barometer dial where they are most frequently a good prediction. Although it is true enough that a steady reading of 30.0 inches frequently indicates dry and settled weather coming and 29.0 or lower signifies some sort of stormy weather, it would be more fool-hardy than weather-wise to plan a garden party simply because the barometer happens to point to the word Fair.

Weather forecasting is not as simple as that, being conditioned by the tendencies and rates of change in temperature, pressure, winds and cloud sequences. Consequently, the forecaster must learn to interpret barometric readings in relation to the other factors. The most frequent weather sequences ac-
companying different barometric readings have been charted for use with a plain barometer and similar information has been summarized on the face of barometers known as "Stormoguides", which also have an automatic signal to indicate whether the pressure is currently rising or falling.

## adjusting the barometer

Barometers should be kept inside because they work as well there as outdoors and they are only damaged by erposure. Unless a barometer is compensated for temperature changes, and so marked, it should be kept away from direct sun and sudden changes in temperature. All barometers must be adjusted to the altitude above sea level. This is usually done by moving the hand clock-wise .01 for every ninety feet above sea level. Some models have a special back plate with an arrow which can be turned to the correct altitude, thereby automatically adjusting the reading.

Shortly before the September hurricane which swept Long Island and the New England Coast during the autumn. al equinox, the barometer in some localities fell from 29.1 to 28.1 in two hours and a half, giving ominous warning of the violent storm which was on the way. General barometric fluctuations become more balanced near the equator so that in the tropics a very slight drop, 0.10 inch in two hours, is usually considered dangerous. A spe-cially-marked barometer known as the "Cycloguide" is particularly valuable in these regions. Preceding a tropical storm there usually are long, unbroken swells at sea, with the interval between the crests much longer than they normally are, and cirrus or high feathery clouds which seem to converge at a point on the horizon.

## hygrometer readings

Hygrometers used inside the house are valuable in determining the relative humidity and comfort within the house, but of no use in weather forecasting. However with a wet-and-dry bulb instrument such as the "Hygrodeik" which mechanically indicates the dew point, practical prediction is possible. If the dew point is indicated below freezing, there will be frost instead of dew and the gardener can get a head start with his smudge pot and newspapers before his plants are ruined.

## meaning of sky-watching

The continual sky-watching, which will always be the basis of forecasting, is probably its greatest charm. The forecaster can go cloud-gathering in earnest, learning the sequences of the different cloud formations. He will come to know the meaning of the cirrus or mare's-tail cloud, the wool-packed cumulus, the stratus or ground fog and rain-bearing nimbus as they move across the sky. Though he finds that he is matching the sailors and the shepherds in the accuracy of his predictions, he will never lose his interest in the weather.

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## THE GIANT LILY

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HE lily family offers us many dif ferent types and forms of pleasing garden plants. The giants among them are the various Eremurus, the fox tail lilies. About eighteen species are recognized and they are native to the mountains and tablelands of western and central Asia. The species Eremurus himalaicus, which has white flowers, is found in the Himalayas.

The height of the floral shaft during the flowering period differs widely in the various species. Some are only two feet in height while others frequently attain a height of ten feet. The lowest of these giants is Eremurus olgae which seldom exceeds two feet and is a native of Turkestan. Its flowers are tinted a light rose.

As a contrast E. spectabilis, a native of central Asia, lifts its yellow flowers more than nine feet into the air. Of the same height is E. robusta a native of Turkestan and inhabiting regions nine thousand feet above sea level. Its leaves are frequently more than three feet in length with a width of three inches. Much lower is $E$. bungei with its yellow flowers, while the hybrid shelfordi is provided with coppery colored blossoms which, on their outer side, are of a reddish bronze tint. Another hybrid, tubergeni, a cross between himalaicus and bungei, flowers early in the year and has light yellow flowers. Yellowish red blossoms are produced on eight foot shafts by warei; himrob has blossoms tinted a soft rose.

## planting

Although the various species and hybrids of Eremurus give the impression that they are hothouse plants, such is not the case. They are hardy although they do prefer a light covering for Winter protection. The large bulb is to be planted in the Fall. Flowers can only be expected when the plant is five years old. The bulb is peculiar in that it has numerous finger-like projections along its outer edge which, ray-like, radiate horizontally giving the appearance of a crown. These break off easily so great care must be taken that this does not occur. The roots, when developing, are fairly shallow.

Eremurus prefers a somewhat protected location where it will receive the full benefit of the sun. This is very essential if it is to thrive. The soil should be deep, moist (but not wet), fertile (but not freshly fertilized), and loose
so that excess water will run through quickly. The thick mop of leaves begins to break through the ground early in Spring and if a late Spring frost nips the plant, no flowers can be expected. Such accidental injury from frost must be avoided with suitable covering.

The Eremurus is like a gigantic flare of flowers and when these have burned out all that remains is a dried shaft thickly covered with seed pods which soon open and broadcast the seeds. At this stage the usefulness of the leaves has passed. They have produced a sufficient quantity of starches and other products which are stored in the bulb. This gives the plant the necessary strength for the next year's growth and also a sufficient reserve for production of next year's flowers. The leaves wither away and the bulb rests awaiting the coming of a new Spring.

## propagation

Since Eremurus produces many seeds which germinate readily, the seeds can be used for propagation. But they must be sown soon after ripening. The seeds can be sown in shallow trays containing a sandy soil. Germination is hastened if the seeds are first placed in tepid water for a few hours until they begin to swell. Further cultivation of the seedlings can be carried out in the cold frame where they remain until they are strong enough to be planted out-of-doors. Growth and development of the seedlings is slow.

The seeds can also be sown out-of-doors but the bed should contain a very fertile soil as the young plants abstract much nourishment from it. After the second year the seedlings are to be transplanted. If they are placed in a light soil they will die. About the beginning of August when the leaves have died back to the ground, the young bulbs can be taken out. Here they are placed in the shade to dry and to ripen. About the end of September or the beginning of October they are replanted.

The old plants whose bulbs are to remain in the soil are given a light covering of peat moss about six inches high and three feet in diameter. This is done after the first frost has crusted the soil. Then the plants will pass through the Winter without damage. When they refuse to flower profusely, transplanting is essential for the soil has then been exhausted.


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## FASCINATING IVIES

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## with unusual foliage

The house gardener who wishes to make a collection of ivies will find many intriguing types to play with. Most of them offer no cultural difficulties. In fact, obtaining the original plants is one of the biggest problems-but this merely adds to the excitement of collecting an unusual number.
H. tortuosa, with curled, twisted leaves, gives somewhat the same effect as $H$. conglomerata, but is more freakish in appearance. A very charming sort is the almost fern-like Helix minima.
H. coreacaea is a nice trailer with small heart-shaped leaves-a slow grower. H. scutifolia has nearly smoothedged, sharply-pointed leaves; while those of picta are fig-like, or even suggest ginkgo foliage. H. palmata, as the name implies, has leaves shaped like a hand-a rather fat and chubby one. $H$. pedata has an extra long center segment or point, suggesting the track of a bird's foot; while in $H$. nepalensis the entire leaf is so elongated and pointed as to appear somewhat like an Indian arrow head.

## with variegated foliage

Many of the ivies have variegated orms. Like most variegated plants, they are less vigorous than their prototypes, but some of these ivies are well worth growing. Silver Queen, a form of helix, is an old favorite for a house or greenhouse plant. H. dentata variegata, variegated creamy yellow, is more vigorous, and used for outdoor planting as well as inside. To me the most pleasing of the variegated large-leaved sorts is H . cavendishiii which has green centers, with broad edgings of creamy white. It is very compact, slow growing, and though it may lose its foliage it will reclothe itself nicely. The new foliage fortunately has leaves which are equally as large as the first.

The variegated miniature-leaved sorts, while interesting from the collector's point of view, are less satisfactory. H. marmorata or "discolor" has tiny leaves mottled yellow and white. It is difficult to keep in good condition, and even when in fair shape, it is unimpresive. H. marginata minor is another of
this type of difficult-growing ivies
It is remarkable how many amateurs get the idea that ivies should be kept soaking wet. Possibly this is be cause cut branches of English ivy will often root readily and grow in water. But ivies in pots will not tolerate soggy soil! In fact, good drainage is one of the first steps to their successful culture and lasting happiness.

## FOOD FOR IVIES

On the other hand, they prefer a fairly heavy loam-more on the clay side than for most house plants-and firm potting. Keeping wet pebbles and peat moss, or a moisture pad, under the pots is helpful. In watering, it is well to do a thorough job, and then skip several days. Frequent syringing of the tops is always beneficial.

While ivies will thrive without direct sunshine, most of them like plenty of light. Over-watering and lack of light are the two great causes of failure. A northern or northeastern window usually makes the best exposure, but this depends somewhat on shade from trees or buildings outside, and many other similar factors.

## spraying ivies

Scale must be watched for. Brushing with wood alcohol will take care of this, and the treatment is also effective if mealy bugs spread from succulents or other house plants to the ivy vines Black Leaf 40 sprayed on the affected plants will discourage mealy bugs if they have a real start. It is wise to segregate any plant which shows signs of the white fuzzy pest, thus avoiding an epidemic in the window garden. Red spider and thrip sometimes attack ivies also Red-arrow (or a similar spray) and Black Leaf 40 will take care of these also. The latter is also recommended for the "black spot" previously mentioned. It is a wise precaution to keep ivies separated from cyclamens and other plants subject to thrip, thus maintaining a healthful quarantine.

Though the list of diseases to which ivies are subject seems a rather formidable one, the truth is they survive the rigors of life indoors far more success. fully than most of our popular foliage plants and should be encouraged for house decoration.
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## flowers for summer

For June flowering there are several campanulas of suitable character for curb planting. C. rotundifolia, of which the Giant Harebell is perhaps the best, sends up many slender stalks of dainty miniature blue bells. The harebells flower from early June through July. C. muralis forms compact six-inch tufts of glossy green foliage and bears flowers of blue-purple. The rock plant specialist will have other bellflowers for use here. The cerastiums also flower in June. Their flowers are white, and the foliage distinctive gray-green. Varieties differ mainly in the size of their leaves.

Vinca minor, better known as trailing myrtle or periwinkle, is another June flower. Its fresh green foliage and trailing habit make it particularly useful. The starry flowers are blue. Certain of the hardy pinks make interesting spots of color both in and out of bloom. They can often be induced to grow so their soft green matlike foliage will fall over a curb.

For flowering in July and later
beautiful little spreading shrub Daphne cneorum, sometimes called Garland Flower, opens its heads of bright pink flowers in May. Its attractive evergreen foliage makes it particularly useful here along the garden path.
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there are many perennials and annuals well-suited for planting along a curb. Among the perennials, to mention only a few, there is the extensive family of thymes, varying as to foliage and flower, all more or less trailing, and all good. Then there are the helianthe mums. These are shrubby in character, low and spreading in habit, and have neat evergreen foliage. The inch-wide flowers, of a peculiarly satiny texture are white, pink, yellow, or red.

## flowers for fall

Among annuals which are in flower during the latter part of the season are the alyssums, of which there are several distinct classes. That known as Carpet of Snow is especially useful owing to its wide-spreading habit and low growth. The lobelia furnishes several useful types. One of the best is the brilliant blue-flowered trailing sort which grows so luxuriantly in window boxes. The very dwarf petunias are to be had in numerous colors.

Many other plants will suggest themselves. But with a plant list comprising only a portion of those men tioned above, one can make the barest curb into a thing of charm and beauty, a gracious finishing touch to perennial bed and walk alike and a constant joy through the seasons,

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## THE GARDENER'S NOTEBOOK

Violets. It is fashionable now to wear violets and fashionable to grow them. For the past few years discerning gardeners have been assembling violet collections and reserving frames for Winter culture of the tender florists' sorts. Most of the wildings can be grown outdoors. They generally ask for a rich soil on the acid side, some shade, and sufficient dampness at the roots. A bed for wild violets can be made by mixing $25 \%$ peat moss or woods soil with an equal part of compost or rich loam. In Winter they appreciate a mulch of leaves. Divisions of runners and old plants divided will give rapid increase.

For frame culture, the plants are planted in the Fall and finally covered with sash in late October. Plant double violets $8^{\prime \prime}-9^{\prime \prime}$ apart in rows $10^{\prime \prime}$ apart; singles $12^{\prime \prime}$ apart in $12^{\prime \prime}$ rows. Open planting helps avoid disease. Single flowers grow best in $45^{\circ}-50^{\circ}$ at night and a day temperature of $60^{\circ}-65^{\circ}$. Doubles should be kept cooler. Keep plants well-aired and well-watered.

Cold frames for violets can be heat ed by electricity or, if they are beside the residence, by heat from a nearby furnace. Those who are not equipped to heat their frames must be content with dormant plants through the Winter, but will be picking flowers from these cold frames much earlier than from outdoor plants. Try Double and Single Russian, Governor Herrick, Prince of Wales, Rosina, Frey's Fragrant Single, Marie Louise Double, Snow Queen Single or Swanley Double. The last two
are white, Marie Louise and Frey's
are violet blue and Rosina soft pink
Peat for Seedling. One of the easiest ways to make up a soil for seed sowing is to incorporate with garden loam a quarter of sand and a third of some finely ground peat moss. My experiments with Sorbex over the past few years have proven it an excellent medium-seedling roots grow freely and lustily. I have also found it beneficial for potting soil. It is easily assimilated and easily distributed in the soil, holding moisture in all parts.

Prize Iris. When Junius Fishburn, treasurer of the American Iris Society, made his selection of the 100 best iris for the September issue, he anticipated the prize winners which have been selected by the Society. The Dykes' Medal has been awarded to Copper Lustre and Junaluska. Awards of Merit went to Golden Treasure, Christabel, Cheerio, Siegfried, Wabash, Ozone, Jelloway, At Dawning, Amigo, Golden Bow, Aubanel and Sahara.

Window Garden. Those who garden in Winter indoors need no longer fuss over their own home-made shelves. The Windo-Garden comes complete with material for a single, double or three-shelf assembly. They can be set up without interfering with the shades or Venetian blinds or curtains.

New Plants for Next Year. At this season, alert gardeners begin making lists of plants they simply must try next year. Let me suggest a few. The Boutonnière Daylily, hybridized by (Continued on page 85)

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Dr. Stout of the New York Botanical Garden, produces miniature flowers in great abundance on a $36^{\prime \prime}$ plant. The colors are orange, yellow, and flushed rosy peach. The flowers are produced in August.

Pentstemon secundiflorus Benth, native American, grows to $4^{\prime}$ high, pro ducing, from May to July, blue and lavender flowers. It is a good border plant.

Potentilla Warrensi wants sun but will be content with average soil Above its strawberry-like leaves, which grow to $18^{\prime \prime}$ high, rise sprays of clear golden flowers.

A shade-lover is Funkia Thomas Hogg, a greatly improved plantain lily White edges to broad green leaves and large deep lavender flowers in August give it distinction.

I would also set down in that rec ommended list the white Kansas Gay Feater, Liatris scariosa alba, and the Russian gray-foliage plant, Perovskia atriplicifolia, so widely grown in English gardens and some of the named varieties of Hellebore.

Four Fracrant Viburnums. Most gardeners by this time have found room for the fragrant Korean Viburnum Car lesii which scents the Spring border but there are others equally deserving Try Viburnum fragrans, the North China species. It blooms earlier than Carlesii and its foliage in Autumn makes a distinctive contribution to the bronzes. The flowers are white or pink

A newer comer is $V$. Burkwoodii, with flower heads the shape of Carlesii's -only larger and somewhat more compact. The last I would recommend is the Japanese $V$. Bitchuiense, with flower heads or cymes more open than the other three but heavy with fragrance These four in any garden will heighten the loveliness of Spring and establish the pride of the owner.

Cold Frame Gardening. To those whose purse or space does not permit a greenhouse, the cold frame is an endless source of pleasure in almost all seasons. Even in Winter there are jobs to be done around them-aired on warm, clear days, and sheltered with straw mats and banked-up manure or leaves in zero weather. Faced south they are apt to produce flowers a full three weeks before the blooms appear outdoors. If they are equipped with electricity, of course, they become effi cient hotbeds.

Alpine Seeds. November and De cember are the ideal months for sow ing alpine seeds and many of the species. These plants that come from regions covered with snow in Winter ger minate more readily if they are frozen So do the whole race of gentians and the majority of iris species. Sow them directly into the soil of the cold frame or in flats and leave off the glass. If during the Winter the snowfall is plentiful, then you may count yoursel doubly blessed, for the snow keeps the seed in condition and supplies dampness into which the tiny roots can pene trate when early Spring germination starts.



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## IN FAVOR OF FLORIDA

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many people were enjoying themselves though they did not share in all the fun that a Winter in the South can offer.

Then I began to wonder how many times I had trespassed on this enjoyment. And I recalled the day that I found a Chicago painter sunning himself on an island beach near St. Petersburg. I did not know the island well and hardly recognized him. Ordinarily he looked very small, hidden by canvases in his Rush Street studio. But in his present state of lethargy his hands and limbs gave the impression that they were long and useless. He was gazing absentmindedly out toward the Gulf of Mexico and scarcely moved at my greeting. Va cationing? No, he answered drowsily, he was working. There was plenty to paint around St. Petersburg: the pleasure boats in the harbor, bayous where un usual lighting effects rivaled the beauty of tropical rivers; fences covered with crimson and purple bougainvillea. Not far away, at Winter Haven, were the incomparable cypress gardens. And at the Gasparilla Carnival, at Tampa, gailydecked ships offered color excitement
"And not only the landscape," he added as he raised himself on one elbow to light a cigarette. "A good chance here to study the human figure in action. Gosh, there are more people here engaged in sports than at any one of the Olympic games. Tennis, bicycling, fishing, hunting, riding, sailing, golfing, racing-all the sporting activities that I can't stand. I'll admit that I like to eat the bass and bream they fish out of this Gulf, though. Ever watched the 'Tarpon Round Up' they hold here? Awfullest mess of guides, boats, baits and tackle you ever saw. Good fish and good pictures, I must admit.
"Look at the water," he demanded. "Like the bottle-green of Mexican glass. A moment ago it was blue. It's pretty swell to spend a few hours on this deserted beach
"I'm going back to town over the causeway," he concluded. "If you'll follow my car we'll be in the center of St. Petersburg in ten minutes. O.K.?" Certainly the Chicago artist did not show any resentment for my having inter rupted his solitude. But this was not the case with a Palm Beach matron the previous season.

I had spent a profitable morning shopping in Miami. At noon, walking across the park that borders Biscayne Bay, I marvelled at the number of ships manoeuvering toward the distant piers
and at the number of planes swooping down from Central American ports. The restaurant I favored was crowded with passengers from a trans-Atlantic steamer, so I drove out to Miami Beach that sub-tropical key across the bay. A I entered the drive off Lincoln Road caught sight of a friend from Palm Beach-alone.

Over a sherry she told me that she commuted to Miami Beach to follow al the good races at Hialeah or Tropical Park. And, though I might think it odd she drove the sixty-five miles by herself had a good lunch, and read for an hour before joining her friends at the track My companion settled her binocular and a book on the table, but I remem ber excusing myself very abruptly to eat alone on the other side of the ver andah.

Perhaps it is true that the res dents of Florida have learned to respec privacy more than the tourists. Such at least, was the opinion of a New York banker whom I stopped to see just out side of Jacksonville.
"This is the one spot in Winter," he declared as he led me across the lawn, "where I can do exactly as I lik without anyone peering over the fence Well, there is no fence, really, and no hedge around the garden.
"As you drove up I was making scarecrow to set up among the Tung trees," the banker continued sheepish ly, "and I had a grand time because I knew that no one was going to drive off Highway 78 to laugh at me.
"You know that's a wonderful high way," commented my host. "I can driv two miles to the 18 -hole Ponte Vedr Golf Links, where the Southern Ama teur Championship is to be held, to pla golf. I can take my guests down to ol St. Augustine or to Epping Forest, th estate of the late Alfred du Pont. Or can drive them a little inland to th waters of Silver Springs. If you've neve been there, you should go. There's a fas cinating variety of water plants, flowers and unique rock formations. Usuall they're filming an underwater movie at the Spring. Visitors enjoy that you know. Highways and entertain ment should be near. But sometimes it is better to forget them-as you can here."

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Annuals. By Roy Hay. (Printed in Great Britain.) New York: E. P. Dutton and Company, Inc.

There is a wide variation in the treatment of Annuals in this country from that described by Mr. Hay. He assures his readers that Annuals, "with few exceptions," do not need a soil "artificially enriched"; and for those of us who know to the contrary, and also know what chemical provender must be administered to secure fine flowers, the book seems incompetent

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cies and varieties of species which he recommends for cultivation. In some selected instances, as with "Stocks" his instructive matter covers severa pages, and if you wish to read it you must look under the botanical name of the genus. The rigidity with which this large mass of valuable in formation is kept within the lines of scientific botany is certain to limit the distribution of the little book. On the other hand, the excellent photo graphic illustrations, some in color, em phasize the proposition that flower growing is an art-to which scientific botany is no more than a step on the way.


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## SNOW ROSES FOR WINTER BLOOM

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foliage should never be cut, for it is not too plentiful at best and the plant needs all it has to make food.

As a general rule we are most concerned about the welfare of our plants when they are coming into, or are, in flower. In this particular case, however, attention is definitely necessary in the Spring after the plant has finished flowering, is making seed, and is exhausted by the effort expended to complete the task. It is then that the plants need water and food to produce the strong, healthy, new leafgrowth so vital to their expansion and flowering.

These plants and their flowers like the cold weather and must have plenty of air, but they do appreciate protection from the wind, especially if provided by a low stone wall or even just a few big stones which help to hold moisture for the roots. A pocket in the rock garden is an ideal place for their growth, but this location is usually so far away from the front door or any of the paths used in Winter that they are not seen as often as if they were planted nearer the house. Keep these plants away from the hungry and thirsty roots of large shrubs or trees that rob them of nourishment and crowd their growing.

There seems to be a great difference of opinion as to whether the Hellebores like an acid or an alkaline soil. The finest one I ever saw was grown in a tulip bed where a quantity


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flower arrangements has naturally been tried. Surrealism fortunately finds small scope on dining or living room tables.

But an arrangement of toadstools on a luncheon table was certainly an approach to this form. It was tried out, with some trepidation, by a tireless experimenter last Fall. Time, plus the most delicate handling, was required to carry out this scheme. Hours of searching over a large area of woodland with careful poking under fallen leaves.

No color camera or painter's palette could exactly reproduce the evanescent fleshy beauty of these fungi. Peach, coral, orange, mauve, purple, lemon yellow, dazzling white, deep brown, pale tan. Striped and dotted. Curious shapes-as large as a Jane Cowl dahlia, as small as a thimble. They were grouped on a bare, dark table in an oblong arrangement, filled in with porcelain colored Ampelopsis berries and their deeply-cut green leaves. Dull peach Italian service plates and pale blue glass were used to complete this striking decoration. Caution! A "time" element follows and quickly. These fungi collapse with great speed into a most unpleasant mass of pulp. Take them out before that happens. You can count on about thirty hours of perfection if you need that much time.

## WHITE FLOWERS

Even the flowers grown in an ordinary cutting.garden today have taken on a trend. White rooms have become a platitude. Overdone, perhaps, in certain parts of the country, the West Coast in particular. But this universal use of white has done much to lighten both the house and the garden. A Grandmother gardener once said to her inheritors, "Always remember that white is the eye of your garden." The seed catalogues as well as the florist shops are flying white banners. We have a large selection of white flowers to work with, but a few have been overlooked by even the most devout Garden clubbers and flower arrangers.

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## COLOR COMbinations

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In the Fall, after the last white flower is taken by frost, the Artemesia (Silver King) will carry a white and lasting effect into the house. It can be used successfully with the Hetherdale celosia, especially the silver-gold variety, that will often enough live up to its catalogue promise of being a shimmering plume of silver and gold. Artemesia can be the beginning and the end of a dozen striking combinations. Try it with zinnias.

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All that we have outlined above is technically attainable. It is helal back only by economic and political conditions and by the normal lag of public opinion.


From the highways of the air we command at new perspective. Here are farmiand and forest; here are rivers and highways; here is the planet EARTH. This is our canvas. Dn this we must picture tomorrow's home.

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For more than 5,000 years man has been at worls, thinking, restlessly searching out ideas and materials, building...


The Home of Tomorrove is already adumbrated in the Home of Today

## Homes of Today

## Traditional design

 plus modern equipment is still the favored formula

HARTSDALE, N. Y. BENSON ESCHENBACH, ARCHITECT


BROOKLINE, MASS. RAYMOND STOWELL, ARCHITECT


SCARBOROUGH-ON-HUDSON, N. Y. AUGUST VOLMER, ARCHITECT


MASSAPEQUA, N. Y. RANDOLPH EVANS, ARCHITECT


WHIPSNADE, ENGLAND TECTON, ARCHITECTS


POISSY-SUR.SEINE, FRANCE LE CORBUSIER, ARCHITECT


BEAR RUN, PA. FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT, ARCHITECT

Modern design, involving new materials and technics, is gaining popularity

## Homes of Today

as exemplified by the Tugendhat House, will bequeath to the Home of Tomorrow their characteristic open plan
$T_{\text {He open plan }}$ is the outstanding contribution of modern architecture to the history of style. To give you some idea of its implications, we illustrate on these two pages one of its earliest and most complete examples-the Tugendhat House at Brno, Czechoslovakia, designed by the famous German architect, Miës van der Rohe.

The traditional plan is already breaking up under the impact of modern design. Even the traditional façade now often serves to hide the open plan characteristic of modern; for modern architecture has driven people to realize that in the long run plan and equipment may be more important than façade.

What the same people sometimes tend to forget is that no real freedom of plan is possible so long as a predetermined façade fixes the size and position of doors and windows. The Tugendhat House, on the other hand, logically expresses the open quality of its plan on the exterior.

Central heating makes an open plan such as this possible, materials such as steel and glass make it practicable, the informality of modern living makes it desirable. Prophesying, we assume the open plan as inevitable in Homes of Tomorrow

Below: The house is built on a steep slope, so that the street entrance is at upper-floor level. The glass-walled living room and the sun terrace above turn their backs on the street front and look out over green fields


Designed by the famous German architect, Miës van der Rohe, the Tugendhat House was built eight years ago, yet its plan is more significant than that of many houses built today. Its outstanding feature is the immense open living area, articulated rather than divided by slight partitions. The house is built on a steel skeleton with columns 15 feet apart. The glass wall of the living room, being cantilevered from this frame, is uninterrupted by supporting pillars for, as a protective skin, it has nothing more than its own weight to support


HEAVY CURTAINS ARE USED FOR PARTITIONING

The immense living space in the Tugendhat House is broken up by only two semipermanent partitions, a honey-colored onyx sheet marking the division between living section and study, and a semicircular panel of macassar ebony veneer screening the dining section. The divisions suggested by these screens may be made absolute by drawing heavy velvet curtains hung from the ceiling. The window walls can be lowered into the cellar at the touch of a switch, thus opening the whole room, like a sheltered porch, to the pleasures of open air and sunlight


THE STUDY SECTION OF THE LIVING AREA IS FRONTED BY A SIMPLE CONSERVATORY


THE DINING SECTION IS SCREENED BY A SEMICIRCULAR PANEL OF MACASSAR EBONY VENEER


Not so very long ago, in a normally planned kitchen, stove, icebox, sink and water heater were inefficient and disintegrated units. Today, we have increased their efficiency and we are beginning to integrate their functions. Tomorrow this gradual integration process should be complete

## Equipment

> has become more efifient, and shows signs of becoming more compact, integrated and antomatic


Above: Equipment and storage space have already been reduced to a series of interchangeable, prefabricated units. Integration, carried one stage further, should reduce the number of necessary units and make the kitchen independent of partition wall support. General Electric

Above right: The electric washing machine accomplishes automatically, within the space of a few cubic feet, a household chore which formerly demanded hours of physical labor and considerable space. Possible next step: a combined washer and automatic ironer. Bendix

Richt: The automatic refrigerator was a big step towards integration. It eliminated the labor and inconvenience associated with the supply of an icebox. Now gas refrigerator and range are combined to save space, may next be merged into a single unit. Servel-Electrolux


The mechamical core of the house
has become inereasingly complex and all-essential


Left: This electric cooking machine combines in a single unit a complete range, two surface broilers with dome-shaped reflectors, a coffee-making machine, a mixing machine, an automatic toaster and a water heater. Specially designed and built by F. E. Wolcott. Silex

Below left: The sink is becoming an increasingly complex and integrated unit. It now includes an automatic dishwasher, and a "Disposall" unit which grinds up all kitchen rubbish and washes it down the sewer, leaving only bottles and cans for removal. Hotpoint

Below: This air conditioning plant, automatically fueled and adjusted, combines in a single unit all the functions formerly shared by open fires, radiators and fans. By the use of an air filter it also bars air-borne dirt, eliminates the necessity for constant dusting. Carrier


# Equipment, <br> faster than any other <br> building factor, is being revolutionized by new ideas 

## Integration in the bathroom

1. \& 2. For several decades the only radical design change in the domestic bathroom has been the integration of the toilet and its supply tank. Crane. 3. Now the revolutionary "Five by Five" bathroom, designed by Buckminster Fuller, provides within an area of 25 sq . ft . a metal room containing a tub, shower, lavatory and toilet. This prefabricated unit consists of two large monometal stampings, weighs only 250 lbs . (as compared with the 1,000 lbs., average, of a comparable, standard tiled bathroom). Complete with fittings, it only needs to be hooked to water, drainage and electric outlets. As light and air are completely controlled, it needs no windows, may be placed in the inside corner of a bedroom, or in a large closet space


## New economies in heating



The radio newspaper receiver will print your paper while you sleep, give up-to-the-minute news stories. R.C.A.

The Inductotherm, by the use of electromagnetic induction, produces fever. But it might be used in the future, embedded in ceilings, as a means of home heating. General Electric

Television is just around the corner, will eventually enable you to see and hear news in the process of being made. R.C.A.



This type of lamp converts electric energy into hot, infra-red rays. It is designed for use in the destruction of dog fleas and moths, etc. Leray

## Equipment related to the Ether Spectrum,

 which shows how light, heat and radio are at least first cousins

A sunlamp can keep the advan-
tages of natural sunlight on tap
A sunlamp can keep the advan-
tages of natural sunlight on tap in the home. General Electric

Sterilamps convert electrical energy into cool ultra-violet rays, now widely used for many sterilization purposes. Westinghouse


Fluorescent coating on the inside of these lamp tubes converts ultra-violet rays into
visible light of good quality. Westinghouse


## Materials

used in new ways

## by industry, may determine

future residential design


THE MODERN CHARACTER OF THIS MUSIC ROOM RESULTS FROM UNTRADITIONAL DESIGNS, USING NEW MATERIALS. R. SORIANO, ARCHITECT

## Huilding materials and design

Asignificant and close relationship inevitably exists between building materials and building design. The familiar American skyscraper made its first appearance about 1890 as a result of a new material, structural steel. The architects of the early steel frame buildings, though still wedded to a classical tradition, attempted to express the nature of the steel columns by emphasizing the vertical elements in the exterior design. As the inherited precedent of age-old masonry construction gave way to a more rational utilization of the possibilities inherent in the light steel frame, the true character of the material emerged and a new architecture was born.

Numberless similar examples might be cited. The intelligent use of reinforced concrete, for example, in factories, grain elevators, warehouses, etc., has developed in these structures an admirable architecture characterized by the plastic quality of this material in its initial state and by the massive strength which it develops after hardening. Glass has become another major material in design, to the extent that we find industrial buildings and stores enclosed in great sheets of glass or by walls of glass brick. Here again, function suggested the use of a certain material and the design consequently reflects not only this function but also the inherent characteristics of the material itself, whatever these may be.

Curiously enough, this apparently logical method of attacking the problems of architectural design has, until recently, been much more in evidence in commercial and industrial design than in the design of homes. In the latter, function has been discounted to a degree in favor of traditional precedent, and materials have been denied that freedom of selfexpression which they have enjoyed in non-residential design.

Obviously this condition could not continue indefinitely. The fruits of progress outside the home have proved too tempting to be refused admission. Having long ago accepted modern mechanical equipment as an indispensable part of our homes, we are now beginning to expand tentatively in the direction of modern materials intelligently employed for the construction of the home itself. In other words, our inherited tradition is only partly one of inherited architectural forms; it is also one of progressive acceptance and use of new ideas, new materials and forms, as these prove their superior worth.

We may therefore confidently look forward to a gradual "liberalization" of our residential design, first, because we properly demand that our homes function to our best possible advantage, and second, because the new materials and new forms which are the means to this end will inevitably lead us to a greater freedom of architectural expression and to the evolution of a sound and healthy new architecture.


## Materials

## created by chemists.

## An expanding world of synthetics

is supplementing nature


From caal, the phenolics


From the air, ureas


From milli, casein


From cellulose and nitric acid comes cellulose acetate. It is resilient and can be used to frame glass. Tenite


From carbolic acid (ex coal, via tar) and formaldehyde comes this lam nated plastic table top. Bakelite


Mixing nitrogen and carbon dioxide with formaldehyde gives the basis for this translucent light shade. Beetle


Sour cow's milk mixed with formaldehyde produces a hornlike material largely used for buttons and buckles


The same plastic may be formed into lustrous unbreakable faucet handles,


The molded case of this thermostat
The molded case of this thermostat of ivory cellulose acetate. Tenite


Large colored boxes, of complex form, can now be molded in one shot. This radio has push-button tuning. Beetle


Casein may also be spun to produce synthetic wool which closely resem-

Colored plastics make it possible to fit electric switches and outlets into your own room color scheme. Beetle


Casein glue made modern plywood feasible; plywood suggested this new chair by A. Aalto. New Furniture


Colored plastic hardware is nearly related, chemically, to a photo film, safety glass and Cellophane. Tenite

With translucent Venetian blinds of
By way of the Radio Nurse's plastic Large sheets of plywood or building


Both plastic phone and rayon dress,
Lucite, used in these coat hangers,
This lightweight chair, designed by
 mouth, nursery cries are relayed to board, plastic-faced, may provide an parents in another room. Bakelite inexpensive shell for future rooms tinted to fit a color scheme. Bakelite


Lightweight and tough plastic ware is even now supplanting pottery in picnic and kitchen equipment. Beetle

Dther important mevo materials

1. Porous rubber upholstery eliminates the complicated process of chair springing. Dunlop. 2. Adjustable windows of Polaroid glass (on a Union Pacific car) give exact control over light. 3. Curtains woven of glass are fireproof, rotproof, in tensile strength exceed steel. Corning


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## Prefabrication

## is already seeping into your home

## by way of doors and windows



Prefabrication has been a growing factor in homebuilding for some time. Factory-made trim, for example, helps to cut time and cost of work on the site. Curtis


One-piece metal fireplaces of improved type are prefabricated. The next step may be a metal chimney. Heatilator


Hardware, once made to order, is now available ready made. Corbin

## The Home of Tomorrow

 may be completely factory-built

T HE costumes of the ladies coyly posing in front of Camp Lotus (above) demonstrate that the prefabricated house is no infant. For Camp Lotus was hauled up to Maine in sections some forty years ago. Factory-made steel frames have long been in use for commercial buildings; and prefabricated units, illustrated at the top of these two pages, are standard products.

But within the last few years prefabrication has come to mean factory-built houses. This includes the panel house assembled on the site but composed entirely of comparatively large-sized, factory-made units. It includes also the house built complete in the factory, like an automobile, and then trucked to the site and lifted into place.

In last year's crop of single-family homes, less than two per cent were completely prefabricated in either of these two ways. And most construction systems of this sort depend upon a large output to show real economies over conventional building methods. But experiments go on, and prefabrication grows.



Doors are now sold complete with frame. The next step may be to include ready-fitted hardware. Curtis


Flush plywood doors, and parquet flooring in large sheets are typical factory-made items. Johns-Manville


A prefinished metal window-unit complete with glazing, hardware and weatherstripping. Kawneer Co.


Steel floors in large units (quickly laid) provide a flat ceiling for the room below, are firesafe. Robertson


IT EMERGES FROM THE FACTORY A FINISHED HOUSE, WITH PLUMBING INSTALLED, PAINTING AND DECORATION ALREADY DONE, READY FOR TRUCKING TO THE SITE


# Four Homes of Tomorirow 

In the following six pages, four outstanding architects envisage for our readers the possible form and content of tomorrow's home



Richard Joseph Neutra, 46. California architect, was born in Vienna; augur of logical modern, has built many experimental homes

IT is Mr. Neutra's opinion that the dwelling of the future will be much more of an integrated industrial product than our present dwelling. And as such, the dwelling of the future will have to be most carefully designed for consumer acceptance. Failure to please or to function will spell the ruin of a large industrial enterprise; not just the ruin of a single contractor or architect.

As an industrial product this home of the future will be dependent upon a definite industrial process for its floor plan and appearance, its materials specification and equipment. So in order to present this home convincingly, we must give a synopsis of that process. We must go back to the chemistry of the raw materials used. Such materials govern the process of production and thus the type of the product.

The raw material for the house which Mr. Neutra envisages as the house of the future is diatomaceous earth, a substance formed of microscopically small shells a few geological ages ago in California and other places. This earth can be combined with various other materials according to the purpose which the finished material has to serve. Usually, however, it is combined with calcium hydrate, fibrous material, resin and a hydraulic binder. This Diatom composition is pressed into slabs and hardened under great pressure. Before hardening, the slabs are sprayed with an impervious, moisture-repellent surface layer which eliminates the necessity for all plaster work or other exterior finish on the site.

Diatom composition has many advantages. It is fire-resistant and can be worked almost as easily as wood. It has a low specific gravity and good insulation properties. In fact a thin double wall of this material is equal in insulating value to a 12 -inch brick wall, though weighing only one-twentieth as much. Diatom is also strong (crushing strength $1,100 \mathrm{lbs}$. per sq. inch), but for structural members steel flat reinforcements are used, as they are in concrete.

This then is the material which would be used, and which, as you will see by the illustrations on the opposite page, has profoundly affected the general design of the house. One of the most interesting parts about the Diatom house scheme, however, is the man-
ner in which the house has been planned as a series of units to be added as more space is needed. The units may be grouped in many different ways. They may form a row of houses as well as individual dwellings.

The basic unit is the long Corehouse, its roof suspended from four columns running down the centre. The second unit contains a two-car garage with a trellised roof-deck, the third one is designed to provide for extra sleeping space; it contains three bedrooms and a bath. The overlapping roofs of the units fuse them into a single whole. The cruciform plan divides the outdoor living space into a protected patio for entertaining, a private garden which connects with the sleeping quarters, and a service yard on which the kitchen and garage open. Heating throughout the house is provided by radiation from metal panels set into the ceilings. Lighting both indoors and out are vapor tube lamps placed under the overhanging eaves.

Mr. Neutra has compiled data on the production cost which would suggest that the price of a Corehouse, plus garage unit, might be $\$ 1,750$. On the same basis, the third unit, to be added when more sleeping space was required, would cost $\$ 425$. These costs would include most of the furnishing.

Mr. Neutra's description of the Diatom House and its evolution is suggestive of the lines of reasoning along which most architectural thinkers are moving towards their various conceptions of the Home of Tomorrow. In general it may be said that these men have been spurred to invention by the plight of millions who are at present unable to obtain even adequate accommodation at a price which they can afford. Consequently their efforts, however widely they may differ in detail, are finally concentrated upon the eventual production of more desirable houses at a lower cost than anything available today for similar quality and size.

The enlargeability of Neutra's One-Plus-Two is a typical example of such attempts. On the succeeding pages you will see a cross-section of the efforts which are being made to discover ideas and construction methods by which your Home of Tomorrow will be much more efficient than that which you own today.


ENTRANCE TO THE HOME IS BY A COVERED PATHWAY

The One-Plus-Two house design, by Richard J. Neutra in collaboration with Peter Pfisterer, is constructed of lightweight, fire-resistant slabs of Diatom, a mineralized composition hardened under steam pressure. The weight of the house is borne on a series of four steel columns with precast concrete bases. This line of columns down the center of the house is a weight-bearing backbone

Neutra's house is humg from pillars

The One-Plus-Two house derives its name and the fundamentals of its floor plan from the idea that a house should be capable of expansion. This leads to the conception of the house as a series of interlocking units. The main unit consists of a living room, kitchen, bath, and bedroom with two sleeping porches. The two wings which complete the cruciform plan may be added later, if extra space is needed and finances allow. The unusual plan shape serves to divide the garden for outdoor living space


Nomads, in the dawn of history, built rude shelters of mud with walls three feet in thickness. Poles gave support to the mud roof


Assyrians, having carts and rollers, were able to build with large stones. Walls thinned to two feet; roofs showed almost no progress


Persianns, before the reign of Darius, substituted wooden posts for stone walls, increased the ceiling-height, initiated the "open plan"


Greelks applied the principles of the wooden post and lintel, developed a great architecture in stone. Walls remained unavoidably massive


Romians perfected the masonry arch, gained plenty of floor space, but lost advantage by having to screen the broad openings with stone

## 2. <br> William Hamby's Home of Tomorrou

He says the past prescribes the future
"O UR objective in designing this 'Home of Tomorrow' (shown on the opposite page) was to continue logically the trend of history, to anticipate the use of a new structural method, the refinement of plastic materials, and also to provide an arrangement which would make family life entirely simple and pleasant," writes Mr. Hamby, our second forecaster.
"The accompanying small plans, which show graphically the historical development of home-planning and the progressive trend towards thinner walls-as materials, methods and


William Hamby, 38, New York architect from Kentucky; contributor to industrial designs, China Clippers-and houses tools improved-speak for themselves. Therefore, we shall speak here primarily of the design and organization of our Home of Tomorrow.
"The plan consists of several individual rooms, combined with a large common room, and provided with the necessary storage compartments and a traffic shed for autos, and perhaps a family airplane.
"The entrance to the house is on the ground level, slightly below the level of the common room, and under the long ramp which leads to the corridor flanked by private rooms and closets.
"Adjacent to each of the individual rooms, which are about 14 by 18 feet in size, is a cleansing area which not only embraces a bathroom and storage space for the individual's wearing apparel, but also an individual and completely automatic laundry and vacuum cleaner. The south wall of the individual's room is constructed entirely of transparent plastics, which will open the room onto a private terrace.
"It should be noted that the two rooms at the right end of the plan are connected and would be presumably used by the parents of the family. The floor of the end bedroom-the mother's room-extends out into a spacious walled garden or patio.
"Each member of the family will therefore have a little house of his own, which will be so complete that it would eliminate the necessity of having an elaborate arrangement of common rooms, such as libraries, studies, sewing rooms, breakfast rooms, etc. For the purpose of joint family activities, a large common area is provided at the left end of the plan. This room is an intimate part of the terrace and garden, but can be closed off by drawing curtains. In the center of this space is a fireplace, and to the right of the space is an area which should be devoted to eating.
"Adjoining this space for eating is a buffet. This buffet is completely automatic, as elsewhere described, but is so ar- (Continued on page 38)


Early Christiams eschewed somewhat the Pagan arch, spanned the voids between stone piers with glass


Elizabethans solved their small home problem by means of a timber frame filled in with cheap masonry


Pilgrimss labored with the whit saw, made planks to sheath the houses, introduced the all-wood hom


## Description of plan for Mr. Hamby's Home of Tomorrow

Top of plan is north. Four bedrooms in wing projecting to the east are reached by a ramp connecting with the long closetlined corridor. Each room has individual terrace to the south, and a "cleansing area" with square-tiled floor. There is a patio at
eastern end of this wing. Western wing is composed of living-din-ing-terrace area (terrace projects to the south). Food is prepared and stored along black L-shaped partition. Entrance to house (follow arrow from garage, at north) is under ramp to bedrooms


Colomials had the buzz-saw, produced multiple uprights (studs) economically, standardized the wood frame


Metropolitans of the twentieth century built high with steel. Partitions were thin, non-structural screens


Contemporaries with advanced ideas build houses of light steel, much glass and very thin wall sections


Tomorrouv's Ruilders may attain the ultimate in streamlined homes with thin, strong, plastic new materials


This typical plan is constricted by the central chimney and stairhall prescribed by Colonial tradition



Tomorrow's design ignores tradition in providing larger windows and most favorable orientation of all rooms


He would retain the best elements of the home of today


Royal Barry Wills, 43, of Boston, is a notorious lampooner of Modern and his deft Colonial designs rarely fail to win prizes
"D omestic architecture in America," ac- $^{\text {a }}$ cording to Royal Barry Wills, the well-known Boston architect, "is at present passing through a transitional period. For almost one hundred years our homes have been designed in a period style; in successive stages we have had the Greek Temple, the Italian Villa, the Spanish Palace, the Elizabethan Manor House and the Colonial. And now we seem to be heading towards confusion. Instead of having these styles appear in successive stages, we have them all at once.
"Were it not for the modernists, this might go on and on forever. 'Tell me the fate of the Modern house and I will tell you what the Home of Tomorrow will be' would be an easy way to solve the riddle of our coming domestic architecture in America. Unfortunately Modern has come in too much as a style. People accept it as such. They feel it is new. Actually it has had some period of development, but it is still in the adolescent stage in this country, and seems to be passing through a phase of exhibitionism. These indications may be 'growing pains', and they
may not. Modern is at least making itself felt. Its effect on domestic architecture will be permanent and lasting.
"Modern prides itself on being functional. But is it? Unfortunately the Modern house lacks appeal. It is too much of an engineering approach to a specific problem. Its flat surfaces breathe revolt. It has the appearance of a series of shoe boxes, more or less ingeniously superimposed. It makes a good house. It is often functional. Unhappily it is more suited to Central Europe, where it was developed, than to the North American climate. Flat roofs are fine in warm countries; so are large windows where much ventilation is needed.
"A fundamental concept of the Modern house is that of bringing the outdoors into the living rooms. In most Modern houses it looks as though all the neighbors might be brought in too. Then again where traditional houses are composed in a plan of so many cubicles to enclose the functions of the home, in the Modern house these spaces are often thrown all together, so that in place (Continued on page 43)

## 4. Le Corbusier's Home of Tomorrow

## A plan for reconstructing town and country



Le Corbusier, 50, Swiss, né C. E. Jeanneret, works in Paris. Emotional polemist for modern. Says "the house is a machine for living"
" $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{H}}$ Corbusier, famous French architect, in a message specially written for House \& Garden, "will be built up into the air, replacing the present garden cities which spread out laterally.
"In attempting to provide the townsman with a 'natural' setting, we have everywhere created 'garden cities', and the towns have spread out into immense suburban wastes. We have to get to and from these new paradises every day. So we have built railroads and highways. To install and maintain these has cost enormous sums of money. And who pays for these means of transportation? We pay. We all pay, whether we live in the town or in the suburbs.
"We pay not only for the machines themselves but also for the employees who work the machines and for the repair and renewal of the machines. Add to these charges the cost of water and gas pipes, electricity and telephone lines, and then put
down the sum total. You will see that it represents each day and for every single one of us the price of several hours work-work which we must in this case give free. And for what? What does this work produce? It doesn't produce shoes or clothes, bread or books. It doesn't even produce movies. It doesn't produce much of anything.
"And to these hours of work given every day to produce nothing, add one, two, or three hours passed in trains, in buses or in automobiles. Add up these hours. Is it reasonable to allow ourselves to be subjected to this undeclared slavery?
"But modern building technique offers a solution to our problem. Instead of continuously building suburban garden cities, we must build our garden cities up into the air.
"You will say that the suburbs offer pure air, sky, trees and flowers. But the new vertical garden city offers purer air, more (Continued on page 42)


## The City of Tomorrow

## to be shown in model form at

## the New Yorle World's Fair, will

 be ringed with satellite townsThe central city, composed mostly of low buildings and large parks, is served by a terminal for ships, trains and planes

Whatever form it may take, the Home of Tomorrow will not exist in a vacuum, but as one small element in a larger community. "Democracity," the model designed by Henry Dreyfuss for the Peri sphere of the New York World's Fair, suggests the ideal (yet already practicable) form which such a community may take. Here is no vast megalopolitan city of the future but one of tomorrow morning, its plan already foreshadowed by Ebenezer Howard 36 years ago.

You will notice that this scheme, shown in diagram on the opposite page, does not confine itself to the plan of a single city but lays down the outlines of a whole region. A central city serves as the cul tural, administrative and transport hub of eleven satellite towns, all interconnected by broad highways. Around all these centers stretch wide belts of parks and agricultural land.

Each satellite town is complete in itself with manufacturing, residential and agricultural sections. They depend upon the central city only for those services which it is not economically feasible to provide in comparatively small towns.



## Aiter Tomorrow

anything can happen.
Two experts evolve revolutionary,
but feasible, homes



## Dymaxion house hangs from a mast


R. Buckminster Fuller, 43, engineer, philosopher, inventor of revolutionarily logical houses, bathrooms (p. 14) and cars (p. 36)
$\mathrm{T}_{\text {He }}$ Dymaxion House is based on the assump. tion that the Home of Tomorrow will be the endproduct of a scientifically-commanded industry. It will be mass-produced and will be in a class with the automobile as a commodity. The system of construction demonstrated in this model would be applied to all buildings, large and small, in multiple units if required to serve some special condition.

The house is suspended from a central mast containing a triangular elevator and all services, including. light, heat, sewage disposal and air conditioning. Fresh air is drawn in through "nostrils" at the top of the tower; sewage conversion and fuel tanks are located at its base.

A tubular metal chassis is suspended by steel guys from the mast top and forms an hexagonal frame. Cables are woven in a triangular pattern horizontally within the hexagonal chassis and serve to support pneumatic floor coverings which neutralize any sag in the decking. Bracing guys anchored to the ground insure rigidity of the frame, so that the complete structure is as rigid as the roadway of a modern suspension bridge. A metal hood hung from the mast gives protection to the roof deck. (Continued on page 40)


IN oUR research laboratories-precursors of tomorrow's world-men are being warmed in the coldest of air. Heat is being supplied to them by the black ray-an electro-magnetic vibration that resembles a radio wave. Stimulated by the black ray, flowers will bloom in air which is at the freezing point; birds will preen themselves as under a Summer sun and families may enjoy open-air comfort regardless of temperature.

Three years ago, an electrical manufacturer constructed a laboratory room in which men could be warmed and cooled by black rays without changing the air temperature. Last year, a heating manufacturer sent around the country a little silver box equipped to produce air at 50 degrees below zero. In one side of the box was an opening in which a hand could be inserted. A demonstrator passing the black ray through the box from the outside could warm that hand instantaneously in the sub-zero air without raising the air temperature.

Insulation, and even glass, that will control the passage of the ray have been perfected. The insulation may be used to provide a shell-like structure that will replace the house of today-or men may live someday within structural shields of the new glass, or of some similar substance.

Perhaps there will be no houses at all as we know them. We may abandon the enclosure for a simple, open, adaptable structure epitomizing the sliding wall houses of Japan or the recently built open-wall houses of California.

Efficient broadcasters of the black ray, like floodlights, may provide warmth from all sides, while we live outdoors with only movable protection from wind and storm. Men may live in a series of perpetual gardens-where the rays not only warm the inhabitants but keep flowers in bloom, while snow clusters on the streets outside. It is not beyond the realm of possibility that even the streets themselves will be warmed by the rays, as now they are lighted. And not only may the gardens and streets be warmed by control of the ray, but they may be cooled by it
as well, for science has demonstrated that the ray can also be used to draw heat out of the body.

Although it is quite properly termed the heat ray, the black ray is not heat. It does not warm the air but it produces heat when it strikes an object. Heat from the sun travels to us in this way through $93,000,000$ miles of space. Known to science as an ether wave, the black ray is really part of the mysterious basic energy of the universe. Akin to it are not only radio waves, but ultra-violet, x-ray, and the gamma rays produced by radium. A very infinitesimal part of this basic energy we know as light. The black ray is longer than a light wave but shorter than radio waves (see chart on p. 15). These emanations of energy travel with the speed of light: 186,324 miles per second.

With perfect accuracy, the black ray might be termed either a very long light wave or a very short radio wave. It is, in fact, the infra-red ray, but many engineers prefer to call it "black" because it is invisible and because infra-red is often associated with a red glow.

Knowledge of the ray's existence is not new. Herschell first discovered it during the eighteenth century in his experiments with light. Classified as radiant heat, it has been accepted (though little understood) as the means by which heat reaches us from the sun. It has been accepted as the source of the heat we feel in cold air before an open fire.

Without ballyhoo, present-day engineers are at work perfecting ways to control the black ray for residential heating and cooling-Chubb in the laboratories of Westinghouse, Elliot Harrington at General Electric, Goerg at American Radiator. None will discuss his work. We know only that they are proceeding toward a concrete application of the principles that pure science has developed.

Similar to light, the ray travels in a straight line. As light does, it decreases in intensity as it travels. With a low initial intensity, it must be broadcast (Continued on page 40)


Comfort in all weather without enclosures

## Landscaping

## Modern houses and

## modern life require changes

 in garden plansWill the gardens of tomorrow go modern? As a result of the increased building of homes in the modern style will we see a revolution in garden design?

So far, architects of functional houses have not devised a scheme of plantings that also are functional. There is, however, an effort being made to reduce the expense of garden up-keep by having less grass to grow and paving more of the garden area. Flowers are grown in beds between this paving, often solid blocks of flowers of one color. This checker-board pattern, in which flower beds alternate with paving stones, has appealed to some.

There is also evident a movement to adopt some of the ancient forms to modern usage. The maze, a feature of Elizabethan gardens, is being reproduced in low-clipped boxwood and used as a decorative pattern. In England, contemporary garden designers are planning country gardens so that they appear to extend into the surrounding country, which is merely the reverse of the naturalistic school headed by Humphrey Repton a century ago. Repton brought the country right up to the front door.

Recently James C. Rose, a young American landscape architect, has tossed in theories for the modern garden which may be taken seriously by those who follow the course of garden design. The traditional garden is built on an axis, developed from one "station point", thereby making a garden to be looked at. Mr. Rose's designs have no axis and his gardens are to be lived in. Along the main axis and side axes, the traditional plan developed a number of smaller gardens, whereas the modern will treat the house and grounds as a unit with divisions of space determined by its various uses and functions.


A GARDEN TO LIVE IN



# Gardening <br> Food production with chemical solutions 

save space and time

HYdroponic gardening, which has recently caused so much discussion, is really an old science brought up to date. The theory is to supply in solution-which is the way plants take their food-the food that plants need. This, combined with the required heat and light, makes for rapid growth and continuous production. The necessary chemicals are placed either in water or in sand.

To what extent will home gardeners adopt this method? And what are its advantages? The equipment may be as lowly as the oil cans shown at the lower right or as professional as the greenhouse plan, above. One subdivision builder is considering the idea of adding one of these small hydroponic greenhouses to each of his properties so that home owners can have their vegetables all Winter.

It is doubtful if the average gardener will entirely abandon his Summer vegetable rows and flower borders, even though he can produce food in an amazingly short time from tanks that contain chemical solutions. The day of completely soilless growth is perhaps far distant, for the growth of plants without soil is certainly no easier than the oldfashioned method. Hydroponic gardening, however, may supplant present greenhouse methods.

There are several advantages in this new style gardening. It eliminates soil diseases and the effects of drought and poor soil. It also may eventually make possible the growing of food to a prescribed analysis. In this may lie its most important contribution. If a chemical formula can be developed to produce, say, so much calcium in tomatoes, then those calcium-ladened tomatoes would become a factor in the prevention and cure of rickets. The same might be developed in other vegetables, so that physicians could prescribe them, knowing what they will give the patient's body.

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## Mobile homes

## may be only a vogue,

## but they are stirring up ideas

## for Iow-cost housing



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Automobiles will also be improved. Buckminster Fuller's Dymaxion car, a rear-engined three-wheeler, streamlined above and below, is a forward-looking suggestion


These two large wings which, extended, form an exceptionally large living space, fold up as walls for the center section when this trailer is on the road. Stout


For those doomed by business to a migratory life, the next step may be to make life easier by travelling in this completely-equipped motorized trailer. Stout
 two-story portable structure. It is conveyed to the site on a wheeled dolly, then jacked up on six piers and connected to utility outlets. Upstairs (far left) are four beds and a bath. Downstairs (left) is a living-dining room, also equipment for heating, cooking and washing

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Decoration for the Small Home. By Derek Patmore. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

This is the book many people are looking for. Without scorning past accomplishment, or violently championing modernistic atrocities, most of which have nothing new about them-the author recognizes that modern living demands something really new and gives the reader ideas that can be easily put into practice, and not vague theories and impractical advice.
"It must be remembered," he says, "that the great decorative styles of the past were only evolved because each successful society throughout the centuries had the courage of its own likes and dislikes. For instance, society in the eighteenth century created a remarkable series of decorating styles because it had the taste and discrimination to select the best from the past and add to it something new of its own. We should try to follow their example and attempt to create a modern style which will mirror and reflect the manner in which we think and live."

## the era of the small home

We should like to quote the whole of his opening chapter on "The New Way of Living." Its comprehensive glance is so sane.
"It is the aim of this book to deal with these new methods of living-the era of the small home-and I will try to show the many helpful ways in which contemporary interior decoration has adapted itself to meet the demands made upon it. Small rooms need a special treatment of their own, and this book is an attempt to illustrate how such rooms can be decorated and furnished."

In this attempt, the chapters follow the sequence of importance. First: "Practical Schemes for the Small Living Room," "How to Decorate a Small Dining Room," "The Small Bedroom," "Planning the Entrance Hall, the Small Bathroom, and Kitchen." Each chapter is followed by eight or more full page illustrations with fully descriptive data-an important point, we think.

For good measure he throws in a chapter on "The Small Country House and How to Decorate It," "Color in the Small Home," "Lighting and Heating the Small Home," "What Fabrics to Use and The Importance of Decorative Accessories," and, most important of all-"A Last Look Arouth."

A book we like.
G. G. G.

Annuals for your Garden. By Daniel J. Foley. New York, N. Y.: The Macmillan Company.
In the name of "the beginner," we must quarrel loud and long with Mr. . Foley. Professing effusively in several places that his little book has been prepared "for the beginner in particular," he straightway forgets from that moment what every such beginner, in the blaze of his accumulated enthusiasm, expects of his first garden, and abandons him to those stretches of bare ground between the tiny two-leaved seedlings where, for weeks upon weeks he must pull weeds and work his forked hoe before being greeted by the first flower.

However, Mr. Foley casts an anchor to windward in advising these beginners to seek the advice of some seedsman (in his catalogue, no doubt), and warns them that they cannot expect much in the way of a planned garden until "after a year or two" of experience!

It is true that it is easier to have a flowerful garden of perennials than of annuals, but given the April protection of the coldframe that hovers hither and yon throughout Mr. Foley's treatise, some of the low-growing annuals may be had in bloom early in May-and from then on, a continually expanding collection may be enjoyed.

## maxting instrucrioss

It is well to disregard entirely any arrangement in visible rows, unless, indeed, there be space devoted to a cutting garden. For the usual limits of the beginner's garden the "mixed border" type is best-the plants being set (if there is a coldframe) or the seeds sown in irregular curves, so that as soon as may be, the soil shall be hidden by the growing foliage. Assuming that the garden space surrounds a central grass plot, the plants (or the seeds) of the lowest-growing varieties should go next the grass edge, and the taller ones (as to their height when blooming) toward the rear.

Mr. Foley's book gives most of these heights-and the others can be had from that catalogue. His recommendation (for Zinnias) that the plants be set a distance apart equal to half their blooming height is a good rule to go by, and the empty spaces in between should be set with from one to three different plants reaching the same height.

A variety in this form of planting may be enjoyed by making the line of the sod irregular, and planting "capes" or "promontories" here and there of taller growths, with narrower margins of the low border kinds.

## recommended annuals

The varieties recommended for planting the garden of Annuals are the choicest of those in cultivation; many of them having been voted medals for excellence. A complete list of these forms a valuable chapter in Mr. Foley's book. Moreover, he has given in most cases a scholarly record of the origin of our cultivated annuals, and a history of the way in which they received their common names-and expresses his regrets that one of them (as the reader will discover) was not named "Moses in the Bulrushes,"

The book is illustrated with -32 colored plates in the highest type of the art and of the very newest of the late introductions:-and these plates may be counted on to recall to the beginner the beauties of his first garden after it has been laid waste-by his first winter's frosts.

The Garden of Pinks. By L. B. Bailey. New York, N. Y.: The Macmillan Company.
An exhaustive work-as is the habitude of Professor Bailey-this book
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# WILLIAM HAMBY'S HOME OF TOMORROW 

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ranged that it could be converted from a 1938 model kitchen, which, of course, must be operated by a maid, or by a family member who does maid's work. If it becomes necessary to have a maid, her room could be added to the plan on the ground floor just under the first individual space.

## storage space

"In normal family life now, and we presume in the future, many impedimenta are collected, such as bridge tables and other game equipment. Besides this family impedimenta, each individual has seasonal wearing apparel and personal belongings requiring storage. These are accounted for on the plan in the two long batteries of storage units. It is impossible to predict the exact arrangement of each storage unit until the individuals' requirements are surveyed.
"Above the buffet is located the power plant, including the generator for refrigeration, and refuse incinerator.
"The shape of this plan is a product of an assumption. This assumption may, or may not, be valid tomorrow. We have assumed that all the principal rooms in the house should face south. Further, if the southern exposure is desirable for one room, it is desirable for all. We have also assumed that the view is to the south, and that the entrance is to the north. This assumption is made because rooms having large glass areas to the south, with sufficient bulk of enclosed air to the north, are the easiest of all rooms to heat. In spite of the fact that our heating plants of tomorrow will be extremely efficient, the trick of using the sun to help heat the house will still be economy.
"As to the construction of the Home of Tomorrow, we visualize the application of what airplane designers call 'monocoque' construction. This, in primciple, involves the use of the 'skin' of the house, as well as its frame, to support the strains and stresses to which the building is subjected. This principle is applied to all airplane designs, never to present-day houses. This will evolve a lighter structure, because all of it will share the work.

## NEW MATERIALS

"We also have new materials, for instance, plastics. Plastics can be used as adhesives or as thin transparent sheets for the house of tomorrow. Plastic adhesives are already being used to produce a wood veneer, to bind this wood veneer to a skeleton, making skinstressed slabs of great strength and durability. Plastics in the form of transparent sheets will make it possible to build enormous frameless lightweight doors and windows. These sheets, when 'polarized,' will offer complete control of light.
"One should not conclude that all the houses in the future will be built with monocoque construction, in plywood and transparent sheets, but rather that the development of this construedion will cause stone, concrete, steel, and wood also to be 'streamlined.' Houses, of course, are not all structure; hence we have with us today on this
threshold, a multitude of needs, and the gadgets and systems to fulfill them. The housewife of today will tell you what she wants of tomorrow. Listening to her, we can conclude that there will be greater organized storage facilities, greater control of weather and sunshine, more bathrooms, more privacy for the individual, more provision for the growing child, greater efficiency of operation, and a sweeping simplification of mechanical gadgets.
"To aid the architect in fulfilling these requirements, we find ourselves surrounded today with schemes and gadgets, which if not practical now, ermainly indicate that they will produce practical results. We must be careful in considering the possibilities of today's inventions, not to 'jump off the deep end.' For instance, when we consider the effect of the electric eye on the control of a child, we should not conclude that the child will be haunted by this mystic control. Let us consider, however, that we have, say, a small swimming pool located near the yard where the child is allowed to play. An electric eye could certainly be used to allow free access to this pool and yet warn the mother when the child had approached the danger zone -unnoticed.

## automatic machinery

"We have today automatic laundry equipment which is doing such a good job that we may soon expect a small machine which will not only wash and dry the clothes, but iron them and stack them. If one expects difficulty in designing this machine one should consider the fact that manufacturers today can produce wrinkle-proof fabrics. Also the fact that inexpensive machines can be individual, thus minimizing the problem of sorting.
"There is little use in discussing the potentialities of air conditioning, other than to mention the fact that the present Diesel-driven electric power package offers an enormous amount of power at a very low cost. This power can be used not only for heating and cooling, but also for the above-mentioned laundry and for things such as dishwashers. It is practical to design a machine with the use of live steam, as well as the use of hot and cold water, which will not only dispose of the garbage, but wash, sterilize and shine dishes and utensils. This machine can also act as a storage compartment for the dishes and utensils. The perfection of such a machine will completely simplify food preparation.
"The unlimited power that will be available in the house of tomorrow indicates that the house will have a vacyum cleaning system even better than that now used in office buildings. Furthee, with this available power, we can expect in the future to flush the whole bathroom with a cleansing solution, and dry it with a blast of warm air. This would suggest the future popularity of using the whole bathroom as a shower, such as the French now do.
"We could go on and on with this sort of thing, as the American inventor is an industrious person, but we have indicated enough to equip what we believe would be a completely comfortable house."

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of 150 pages describes all the accepted species and the chief botanical varieties of the genus Dianthus (the Pinks) figuring as horticultural subjects in the United States and Canada, up to the close of the year 1937. The pinks have been garden favorites of the author from his early boyhood; and he devotes a few pages to interesting reminiscences relating to them before they began to gather the importance which is theirs today. Not the least of these is the mention of his intimate connection with the beginnings of the great commercial industry of growing carnations.

## the "background"

The expansive nature of the task to which Professor Bailey has set himself has so impressed him that he gives a full account of the material at hand from which he has put the book to-gether-the "background" he calls it -evidently with the wish to assure his readers that they are getting all there is; and he points out that this is the first book in which an attempt has been made to resolve the garden pinks into their several species. First, he tells that he has fifty-four kinds growing in his own garden (besides those in a lot of other gardens to which he has free access), and more than 1,000 specimens in his herbarium; about 175 photographs from life; and a card-index record of 735 names of the different species and botanical varieties recognized by botanists. From this assemblage he has collated seven groups, under the titles: Rainbow Pinks; Clusterhead Pinks; Maiden Pinks; Chedder Pinks; Cottage Pinks; Carnation Pinks; and Rock-garden Pinks. After general remarks upon the differences between the several groups, there follows a series of chapter-like sections, one for each group, with closer detail as to type, and suggestions as to cultivation.

The section devoted to Carnations covers generous space, with much history and also instructive matter as to the commercial growing of the prevailing type of this widely popular flower, and with a full list of the named varieties now being marketed. The section upon the alpine species of Dianthus used, or useful, in rock-gardens includes a liberal list of acceptable species; and Professor Bailey adds his advice that rockgardeners using pinks compare notes with other enthusiasts in that line. The Professor halts his own story to insert two extensive sections devoted to detailed advice from specialists, one upon insect pests, and the other on fungoid diseases attacking the pinks.

## A review of species

The latter half of the book is given over to a minute review of upward of 200 species, including enduring variations which have been perpetuated by professional florists through the rooting of cuttings of "sports" which showed some distinctive character as compared with the parent plant. The 43 full-page plates in black-and-white which illustrate the text are free-hand drawings from life of the very highest excellence, by Florence Mekeel. Not only are they admirably true to the various types, but are accented by the
artist with a rare appreciation of the beauty and grace expressed in the peculiar poses of the Pinks.
Dogs at Play. By Paul Hubner. New York: E. P. Dutton and Company, Inc.
It seems probable, at first glance, that there will be two groups of people who will lose their tempers over this little album of dog pictures. The first group is in general of a bellicose disposition, on one point, anyway, and is composed of those who have dogs of their own-and every dog owner knows that he owns the best dog in existence; and the dog believes it just as firmly as his master does. The judges at dog shows may not agree with either of them, but neither one cares; they are sufficient unto themselves.

The other antipathetic class will be of the people who are used to doing their own photography, and who like a good, clean-cut focus on the objects they make pictures of; and who everlastingly hate the "platinum print" (real or imitation) with its lack of detail and its flat, lifeless masses-especially offensive with white objects and actually nauseating with the black ones. Where the two inadequacies are intermingled, there is no dictionary word that is sufficiently expressive.

It is at this predicament in the book market that Mr. Hubner is likely to rise up and call attention to his dedication of the little book to two very young children, and to point out that both of the excited temperamental classes may have been led astray by the use of the word "dog" in the book's title; and that with the exception of the two or three ancients, who were stolidly posed under stern commands, all of the creatures at play are puppies, and will beyond a doubt prove a great delight to the young children of any family who, up to their latest birthday, have never owned either a dog or a camera; and who will gleefully applaud the energy displayed in the pic-tures-as contrasted with the lack of verve exhibited by their little, stuffed "doggie-booff" on wheels, which has to be persuaded to move in its wooden way by a piece of string actuated by emotional exertion at the further end. These children have not yet arrived at the age when Milk Bone is an item on the grocer's bill, and the drumstick of the turkey has to be laid aside for some relative of Fido. It is not difficult to believe that the little lad appearing in the eighteenth picture is one of the two mentioned in the dedication.

In the matter of variety, in several of the pictures the doggies are posed effectively with other denizens of the farm on which they are being brought up. The affectionate regard of the cow and the pig for their picture mate is evident; with the horse it is plainly an exposition of good natured endurance. The cat has squatted in preparation for instant flight and would have left before, if it had not been for the grandfather of all the dogs beside him. On the other hand, having one's picture taken seems to have been a commonplace with the ducks, the turkey and the handsome White Leghorn rooster, all of which are model poseurs.
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from large surfaces on all sides. House heating using this principle to a limited degree is already in use.

The rays can be reflected, refracted and polarized, however, as light can be. Through refraction and reflection, they can be broadcast in high intensity from a small surface and dispersed by a specially-shaped reflector to give a mild warmth as light is dispersed from a single point. Similarly, through refraction, they can be contracted or dispersed through a lens as light can be.

They can be sent from one point and reflected back and forth to strike all points in their virtually instantaneous movement of 186,000 miles per second. Through the use of this principle, the reflective insulation that has been perfected may someday provide an eggshell structure that controls the passage of the ray for comfort, leaving man free to complete the details of his home as he chooses.

## glass can control new rays

Glass presents a picture of myriad possibilities. One type of glass permits the heat rays to pass but admits no light. Another permits light to pass but excludes the passage of the heat rays. Still another will allow light to pass but permits the black rays to pass in only one direction.

Out of the glass blower's art, reduced to a science, man may fashion the homes of the future. With glass that permits the heat rays to pass but excludes light, he may provide the equivalent of our interior partitions. Since light is excluded, he will gain privacy. Through the passage of the heat rays, warmth can be supplied from a remote central broadcaster.

The houses may be built as our houses are today or they may be merely a series of shields-open mobile structures, in a perpetual garden where heat broadcasters and absorbers playing from all sides warm men in Winter and cool them in Summer through control of the black ray.

Since we can direct the path of the rays and no two persons ever agree on the amount of heat that they want, each person may be able to dial his own heat supply for the area in which

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he sits or stands. He may dial different heat supplies according to his activity, turning on extra heat when he drops into a chair, much as he now turns on a reading lamp.

While we shall still want movable protection from wind and storm, the heat ray may transcend the problem of humidity control that we have recently begun to consider important in our air conditioning. In Winter we create any need that exists for humidity by increasing the capacity of air to absorb moisture as we heat it. If we use the black ray for heating, we shall not warm the air.

## NO HUMIDITY CONTROL NEEDED

Further, recent study indicates that the effect of humidity on the heat action of the body is an emergency action that operates only when other methods fail, so that control of the black ray may someday provide comfort without need for humidity control.

Working in his laboratory in Pittsburgh, Dr. L. W. Chubb has used the ray to warm men in air below the freezing point and to make them shiver in air at 104 degrees above zero.

As long ago as 1792, Prevost discovered what science has sometimes called the cold radiations. Actually, they are not cold radiations at all, for there is no cold. The coldest substance that science has ever found has onetenth of a degree of heat in it. Science has imagined, but never attained, an absolute zero that is hundreds of degrees below the zero point on our ordinary thermometers.

## our bodies emit black rays

Every object has its heat. By virtue of that heat it becomes a generator of black rays. The heat sets molecules in motion. Their movements disturb the ether as current in a radio antenna disturbs it, creating about the object waves shorter than those of radio-the black rays. The human body with its blood temperature of 98.6 is sparkling continuously with these unseen black rays as radium gleams in the dark.

Nature has provided for this action by generating an excess of from 50 to 100 calories of heat every hour in the
combustion of food to maintain the blood temperature. Under the laws of balance, this excess is given off both to the colder air that touches the body and, across space through the black rays, to colder objects near us.

By providing absorbers that are capable of receiving the excess through the self-generated black rays, men can be cooled without cooling the air. Rays emitted from all parts of the body can be reflected or refracted to these absorbers just as they can be reflected and refracted to all parts of the body from a broadcaster.

Actually, it is to control and facilitate the flow of the body's heat excess that we warm and cool the air today. Unknowingly, we use the tempered air, supplemented slightly in heating by rays where there is an exposed radiator or the warm surface of a stove, to warm and cool the walls and objects near us. In this way, we regulate the capacity of these objects to absorb heat sent out through the black rays at the same time that we regulate the air's capacity to absorb body heat.

Through science we may someday do directly what we now do indirectlywarm and cool men by control of the black ray regardless of the air tem-perature-indoors or out.

Man may be free to follow the dictates of his æsthetic taste in the creation of his home. We may build only as we are interested in seclusion, in color harmonies, and in mobile protection from wind and storm.

Year in and year out, we may work and play out-of-doors. Even our skyscrapers may be a series of open terraces. Our streets may be warmed and cooled. Our drawing rooms may be under a gnarled oak. Our dining rooms may be a perpetual arbor and our bedrooms a literal bower.

We have speculated freely on developments in television, on death rays for war, on food in pellets and on incubator babies, but when we have talked of our homes, we have envisioned only a modified version of the house of today. The 20th Century mind, jaded though it may be, has yet to catch pace with science.

Alfred Bruce

## DYMAXION HOUSE HANGS FROM A MAST

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The curtain walls are of hexagonal, blown glass, vacuum lozenges let into a wire frame. They may be transparent, translucent or opaque according to need. By the use of prisms, mirrored-surfaces and lenses, a central white flame in the mast serves both the lighting and the air conditioning systems. The light is shuttered centrally to control its volume and color, and is diffused to all parts of the house. This eliminates separate fixtures and wiring.

The house is designed throughout to eliminate having to do things. All equipment is designed to reduce physical drudgery to a minimum. The cooking grills, in the words of the designer,
"are like pianos and have nothing to do with a servant". Revolving closets and an incinerator pocket are standard items of equipment. So is the laundry unit which will hand you back your dirty clothes washed, dried, pressed and ready to use, within three minutes. All floors and partitions are soundproof, all furniture is built-in, the beds are pneumatic, and air conditioning eliminates the necessity for bed clothes at night.

The house would be brought to the site in parts and assembled by the manufacturer's service men. The fiveroom house weighs only $6,000 \mathrm{lbs}$., complete with all accessories and furnishings, and could be erected within a day.

The designer estimates that the cost of this type of house in quantity production should not exceed 50 cents per lb .

Mr. Fuller points out that this model of Dymaxion house does not represent his conception of the ultimate mass-production house, nor does he even consider it typical of the first models which will actually go into production. But the model, in the opinion. of its designer, represented the most scientific answer to the various requirements of the problem at the time of designing. Today a slightly different design might evolve; for the Dymaxion principle is, in final analysis, simply an attitude.

## THREE USEFUL ROOMS IN ONE

$W_{\text {HEN }}$ Russel Wright, an industrial designer in New York City, found that he had one long narrow room which would have to serve as his chief living room, dining room and showroom, he had to concentrate on the function of every small space and every bit of furnishing. The results are pictured in the illustrations showing how the elements of room construction have been revealed in an interesting, even dramatic, manner; how much of the furniture has been designed for a triple purpose.


This living room center serves also as a showroom. A fireplace is centered on a gray curved wall which provides a show place for drawings


Beside a sofa with an adjustable back for straight-sitting or reclining is a radio-victrola table with a sliding top for convenient extra space


The same dining room center shows a glass wall giving access to a terrace; a storage cabinet with desk compartment, room for books, linen

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Above left: Air conditioning is an important factor in modern travel comfort. This technician is making final adjustments on the streamiliner's compact cooling unit before the car leaves the shops

Above right: The interior of the finished coach is as modern as the stainless steel structure which it conceals. The carpets, wall coverings, trim and upholstery are worthy of a fine modern home

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sky, as well as beautiful parks, lawns and forests, and playing fields adjacent to your home. The vertical garden city eliminates lengthy travel between home and business. The city becomes a city once again-a 'green city'. Life can be lived more largely. No longer is our time stolen from us; on the contrary, we have considerably more leisure.
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of living room, dining room and hall you just have one big area and sort of ooze from one part to the other.

## borrow from the past

"We must start afresh-but not with Modern! Let's keep all the features of the old that are good, and take all the features of the new that are good. The past may not be good to copy, but it is accumulated experience and should not be thrown aside.
"It tells us, for one thing, that all good architecture has been local. The Home of Tomorrow, then, cannot be the same in all parts of the country. The pitched roof is good, so let's save it. Big windows are good, let's save them. Functional planning is good, let's save that. Let's orient the house to the sun; we're a nation of sun-worshippers anyway. Let's keep rooms where we need them; let's not open up everything.
"Equipment must be as modern as Modern. Heating must be improved. Present heating equipment is awkward and clumsy, ill-suited to our needs. It seems possible that individual units in
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each room will be the solution of the heating problem-a sort of 'Back-to-theStove' movement, but this time, perhaps, electrical units set in the walls. Electricity is getting much cheaper, so are thermostats, motors and fans.
"Bathrooms are too expensive. We must, and will, have a unit bathroom. Fixtures should be combined; enameled iron is too heavy, there must be a new material for fixtures, some form of plastic. We feel the necessity for a flexible soil pipe too.
"A new wall covering, to replace tile, is necessary; laying tile slows up construction too much. Plaster is on the way out. We need a new cheap dishwasher; it should cost not much more than a sink. And we need a new type flooring, like linoleum but much cheaper, if possible.

## no cellars

"Cellars are out. They are too damp, messy and unhealthy. A cellar is a big expense, and with electric heating possible the last excuse for it is gone. Storage must be provided,
however, and space for tools. The car age must be near the street; no more shoveling of snow.

## in the future

"The Home of Tomorrow will be built as a shell, just like an office building, with partitions of easily changeable construction put in later. Plastics will produce cheaper window frames and sashes; lightweight glass is already on the market, and it will soon be possible to dispense with balances on doublehung windows. Doors will soon come complete with frames and hardware. Chimneys will be of iron or steel, sufficiently insulated so that they are safer than brick. Roll roofing, of a type now being developed, will supersede ordinary asphalt shingles. Painting will be largely eliminated, as wall boards will be prefinished in the factory. Building laws will be changed; they are ridiculous now. With all these improvements construction time will be easily reduced to less than 30 days. And that, of course, means a saving in dollars."

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON COLORS

## how to treat a round living room

My living room is small and round in shape. It has three windows and three doors. I am thinking of painting the walls and woodwork "off-white" and the ceiling and backs of the bookshelves a light apricot. Would the contrasting colors make the room look smaller? If so, what do you suggest to make it look larger?
W. L., Montgomery, Alabama

## ANSWER

Off-white walls and woodwork will make the room look spacious and light but if you paint the ceiling apricot, the contrasting color will tend to bring the ceiling down and make the room look lower and smaller. As you like apricot, why not paint the walls and woodwork a light tint of this color and make the ceiling off-white? You can then paint the backs of the built-in bookshelves a darker apricot, if you so desire. Inasmuch as you have three doors and three windows in your living room, I assume that you have quite a good deal of woodwork and for this reason, I would suggest that you paint it the same color as the walls.

This treatment can always be used effectively if the room is large enough. Upholster the club chair in a small selfdesign chevron patterned fabric and the ottoman in a solid color.

## WHAT COLORS WITH CHERRY WOOD?

I have encountered various problems in furnishing a three room apartment. I plan to use cherry wood Early American furniture throughout. The living room rug is medium blue and gray rose. Please suggest a color scheme and material for sofa, barrel and wing
chairs. Could subdued paper be used for the walls or is paint preferable? What color woodwork? What color for the bedroom using one of the living room colors plus white?
M. R. W., New York City

## ANSWER

Taking into consideration your medium blue and gray rose rug, I would suggest that you paint the walls and woodwork of your living room a very pale clear yellow or else a pale shade of soft gray. Choose a gay flowered chintz in blues, soft rose, green and white with touches of yellow, if possible. Cover the wing chair in the same chintz and have the barrel chair upholstered in a soft rose colored fabric with a self-chevron design. If you prefer paper for the walls, use a quaint Colonial design. However, painting the walls a light color will make the room look larger. In the bedroom you might use a Colonial wallpaper with a tiny floral pattern in red, blue and green on a yellow background. The curtains could be of the same yellow as the paper, with a very narrow blue trim. Make the bedspread medium blue. The dressing table skirt can be of chintz with a tiny flower design of red or rose and lighter blue. Cover the dressing table seat in red or rose and use ac-
cents of this same color in your lamps and accessories.

Can blue and yellow be combined?
Would you please give me some suggestions for a color scheme for a bedroom-curtains, rugs, spreads, wallpaper and an easy chair? The room is on the north side, quite light and the size is $13^{\prime} \times 12^{\prime}$. I do not want to use green or brown. The woodwork is ivory and the furniture mahogany. I had thought of using blue and yellow.
H. C., New Haven, Conn.

Blue and yellow would be very effective in your bedroom if used in the following manner. Make the curtains of yellow, blue and ivory striped silk material and have glass curtains of ivory colored thin silk. Have your wallpaper in a turquoise blue and a deeper blue rug for the floor. Your bedspread may be white with a yellow trim and the easy chair can be covered in a yellow chintz combining blue and some other soft colors. A slightly different idea would be to have the wallpaper in blue, white and yellow, plain yellow curtains, deep apricot chair and the rug and bedspread the same as mentioned above.

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