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CAVIAR AND. To ease the strain of Christmas entertaining, we've picked up a small assortment of nice tidbits, to add their finesse to cocktails around five o'clock. Caviar, of course, king of appetizers, is included; this is the finest Russian grade at $\$ 1.70$ a 4 -oz. jar. Purée de Foies Gras is an elegant variant on plain paté, blending choice Strasbourg goose livers and truffles. $31 / 3-\mathrm{oz}$. tin, 50 c . Paté d'Anchoise à la Française is anchovy paste to you, and the real McCoy, being much more flavorful and yet not as strong as the common garden variety. A 4 -oz. crock is 60 c . Smokay is smoked turkey paste, to be mixed with butter to bring out its delicate smoky flavor; 50c for a $4-\mathrm{oz}$. jar. And the Maison Glass salted nuts are a "specialty of the house" (2-lb. tin for $\$ 3.25$ ) ; they need no introduction to New Yorkers, who have long ordered them and the other tidbits from Maison Glass, 15 East 47th Street, New York City.


## HOUSE\&GARDEN

## IN THE NEXT ISSUE

JANUARY FIRST is a day for review and resolution. It is then that we plan our future course in the light (we believe) of the past. Our January Double Number is that kind of an issue. To begin with, in the First Section we present the winners of the House \& Garden Awards in Architecture for 1938. And in the Second Section, we look ahead and give you The Gardener's Yearbook for 1939.
THE PRIZE-WINNING HOUSES to be published in a portfolio in the First Section of the January issue were built in different parts of the country and represent a variety of architectural styles. We know all of our readers will want to see these prize-winning houses which were selected by a distinguished jury of architects.
THE GARDENER'S YEARBOOK for 1939 is being personally edited by Richardson Wright, editor-in-chief of House \& Garden and one of America's greatest horticultural authorities. His books on gardening have for many years bsen outstanding successes. Despite their cost, they have sold many thousands of copies. His numerous gardening followers and in fact everyone who is planning to plant a bulb or prune a shrub during 1939 will want this Yearbook of his, which sells, with the First Section, for a modest 35 c .
FULL COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS of individual flowers and gardens will be interspersed through the meaty, factual context of the Gardener's Yearbook. It tells you how to do it-and when-and shows the charming results obtained by proper garden care.
1,000 FACTS for the home gardener will be listed in the Index to the Gardener's Year Book. There will be about 200 illustrations in color and black-and-white and they will include enchanting views of gardens as well as beautiful flowers and plant novelties.

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THE CAPTAIN'S STORY. A captain, Scotch burr and all, who threads ships down through the Caribbean isles tells of a wonderful mess of strawberries he encountered on one of the tiny islands. When he questioned the planter how he got them, he was told this ingenuous tale-the planter had come across a package of frozen strawberries, one of those new-fangled Yankee foods. He was suspicious of it and dumped the frozen berries into the ground. To his amazement up came a whole rush of superb strawberry plants which bore a magnificent crop. This leads us to wonder why seedsmen don't sell their seed in frozen packages since, with many types, freezing speeds up germination.


THE HELPFUL BUTLER. One of these days a garden writer with nothing better to do may collect and set down all the amazing experiences of those who open their gardens for public inspection. There was the backyard garden in New York, for instance. A new owner, having just bought the property, was visited by an officer of the garden club asking permission to show the planting. It was one of her favorite examples of what could be done in a city garden. A day was named, and the visitor retired. The new owner, wishing to avoid the crowd, instructed her butler and left town. The next morning when she returned she found her garden full of the most amazing blooms. The privets were flowering pink roses and the dogwood branches were purple with violets. The butler explained that he thought the garden a bit drab and needing flowers for the visit so he had perked it up with a collection of paper flowers bought from the nearest Five-and-Ten.

AND STILL MORE STREET NAMES. Each day our mail grows heavier and heavier by those who join our circle to Collect Picturesque Street Names. From Palatine, Illinois, comes the assuring news that it has a Comfort and an Easy Street and
these intersect so that a few houses are on both streets. Boston has a Pie Alley, Woonsocket, R. I., a Peeptoad Road and Erie, Pa., a Sassafras and a Raspberry Street. Grant's Pass, Oregon, sends us Jump-off-Joe Road. It also has a fine assortment of creeks thereabouts, many of them named for animals such as Antelope, Cow, Bear, Coyote, Louse, Mule, Sardine and Whitehorse. Also one called Baby Foot, another, Butcher's Knife and a third, Hard Scrabble.

## THE REMEMBERING

All that is not ultimate, passes.
The mind records each season:
Wind among the transient grasses,
Later, snow for some brief reason
Sheathes the bright green of their
Puts their piercing beauty by [swords, And the grasses like our words Fold in upon themselves, and die.
The spirit will be stilled with snow,
The heart rise up each spring, But sharper than the urgent now Comes the remembering.

Helen Murphy
POEM FOR OCCASION. In the presence of great beauty we should either be silent or have the apt verse to suit the sight. There are certain kinds of skies to which these lines of Gerard Manley Hopkins apply exactly-
Glory be to God for dappled things-
For skies of couple-color as a brindled cow.


EATING VIOLETS. It is all very nice for girls to be wearing violets again, but when, we wonder, will the Herb Ladies start resurrecting the old custom of eating violets? At one time English cookery (which has always been a bit queer anyway) suggested that violets be eaten raw in salads, served on puddings as ornaments or cooked. One dish that seemed a favorite in Queen Elizabeth's time consisted of violets boiled, pressed and brazed in a mortar and then mixed with flour and honey.


BATH HOUR. Among the general orders issued by the Commander-in-Chief at Valley Forge was to the effect that, bathing facilities having been provided, every soldier must take one bath a week, but that orderlies should see that no man stayed in the water more than ten minutes. This sounds uncannily like a general bath order issued by "Commandresses-in-Chief" of homes in this day and generation.

SAINTS' DAYS AND GARDENING. In the old directions for gardening Saints' Days played a conspicuous part. Thus the ancient directions for preparing saffron gave the solemn injunction that the bed for saffron crocus must be prepared three days before the Nativity of the Virgin, which is celebrated on the 8th of September. Doubtless the reason for using these Saints' Days as time pegs was that experience had demonstrated this as the best season to plant or sow; the nearest Saint's Day was chosen as a way to enforce the practice.

WISE MEN. Not long since, wise men in governments traveled great distances following the glimmer of the star of peace that seemed about to sink below the horizon and leave the world in darkness. They found it; as centuries before, other wise men had journeyed a great way, led by a star. The precious things of life don't just come to us; we must seek them diligently. The wise man is one who never wearies in the seeking, and eternally follows the star.

VISITING GARDENER. Major F C. Stern, whose garden at Goring, England, was shown in our October issue, will be the guest judge at the three great flower shows in Boston, New York and Philadelphia. He is one of the world's leading authorities on Iris and Eremurus.

COLORFUL ORCHIDS. One of the best color photographs of orchids we have seen in a great while is the kodachrome by Ivan Dmitri on page 42 of this issue.
G. W.'S RAKE. The Father of His Country seems to have been interested in about everything. His household account books show that he "sent Thomas Fielder towards enabling him to make his new patent rake, $\$ 20$." What, we wonder, became of Thomas Fielder and who was he anyhow? And did G. W. ever receive a complimentary sample? And was it worth the $\$ 20$ ?


A wine red bougainvillea reaches to the blue windows of the entrance court at Casa Manana

# Casa Nlañana 

The Winter home of Mrs. Dwight Morrow at Cuernavaca, Mexico, described by Margaret Olthof Goldsmith

TThe little old town of Cuernavaca lies thirty miles south of Mexico City on a hornshaped ridge above the fertile valley of Morelos State. Rimmed by picturesque mountains which afford shelter from the north, it offers every natural asset that urban dwellers have sought for centuries in their retreats from official cares. It was the favorite residence of Hernán Cortés, the Spanish conqueror of Mexico.

When you reach it today over a good motor road from the metropolis, you may be disappointed because the narrow streets lined with low-roofed houses give no outward indication of the age-old beauty lying behind their walls. Once inside, you find exemplified the motto "Nothing for show and all for quiet seclusion and informal living" which is quite in accord with our best American ideas. But the Cuernavaca version of that idea has an unreal, dreamlike quality about it which Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Morrow brought to perfection in their vacation home there, even to the name-Casa Mañanathe house of tomorrow.

Friendly Mexican children playing on the sidewalks are only too glad to direct you to \#34 Calle Dwight Morrow. The very fact that you have an interest in obtaining permission to see it entitles you to a bit of the veneration in which the name of our former Ambassador is held. The exterior of Casa Mañana is in no way pretentious. The walls of whitewashed adobe are broken by windows barred with black grillework and capped by molded cornices. Modern vegas of wood support the red-tiled roofs which slope toward the street or toward the patios. The heavy wooden-arched entrance door guarding the passageway to the inside terraces is paneled and has two brass masks for knockers. A blue tile set in the wall reads Casa Mañana, Por Pancho El Arquitecto, Ano 1928. A service door at the right end of the casa, not shown in the photographs, leads into a service wing at right angles to the street. The sala with a fireplace comes between the service and main passageways. It has a dining terrace back of it.

On the other side of the entrance gate stretches a series of bedrooms, one room deep and one story high, except for the last bedroom which has a twostory mirador and a sleeping porch. The casa was remodeled from several houses in a row along the street. The connecting link between the various rooms is the terrace which runs the length of the casa from the dining terrace down past the bedrooms and serves as open-air sitting room as well as corridor. Nothing could be more simple in design.

The interiors, Mexican in character, are colorful and livable and suited to country life. The furni-
ture on the dining terrace is of cypress made in the English style, enlivened by red ladder-back chairs. Nearby are a modern Mexican handloom rug in red and green, old pottery platters and plates from Puebla and Guadalajara on the dresser and lacquered bowls from Guerrero on the wall. The nineteenth century Spanish chairs and settee in the sala remind you of New England pieces of the Hitchcock period. The coffee table, a century old, is painted with birds and flowers. Hanging shelves of modern tin hold treasured bits of glass. On the wall hangs an old blue and white serape from Michoacan, one of many rare and beautiful accessories representing the finest craftwork in Mexico, collected by Mrs. Morrow. To dwell on her collection would create the wrong impression, for in Casa Mañana the indoor life is secondary to the outdoor life; the house is but a necessary and pleasing adjunct to the seven distinct patios which radiate from it, each a new rendering of the old Spanish recipe for a garden.

These patios look as if they grew and developed over a long period of time, casually and without a precise pattern, but each with a different feature or interest. The first two are back of the dining and bedroom terraces. The others extend toward the guesthouse (a long city block away and on a diagonal line from the main buildings), and zig. zag toward it on descending levels. All are enclosed either by house walls or by garden walls so high that it is no hyperbole to call these "garden rooms." Infinite variety, the outstanding characteristic of a Spanish garden, enters into the plan of these enclosures and into the way unexpected vistas are afforded in every direction.

The mirador, a typical Spanish-Mexican lookout tower presiding over the second patio, can be seen from the street, from the dining terrace, from the swimming pool, and from the patio just below it. It is the unifying architectural feature of the whole meandering scheme. From it you can appreciate the charm of the varying roof lines and the beauty of the surrounding mountains. It is furnished as an out-ofdoor reading room. Wrought iron, like so much lacework in this Spanish garden scheme, adorns the stairs leading to the mirador. More arches and plain square pillars, other Spanish features, form the shaded portico for the bedrooms on the ground level. Nature splashes color with a lavish hand when the flamecolored bougainvillea on the portico is in bloom. Arches appear again as a background at the far end of the swimming pool. Blue plumbago vines almost conceal the fact that the central arch is elliptical and that the ones at either side are horseshoe in shape.

Behind high walls, a garden of seven patios surrounds the home of

## Mrs. Dwight Morrow in Cuernavaca, where Cortés lived centuries ago

You could not conceive of a Spanish-Mexican garden without water and it plays its part here, for the swimming pool is the main feature of the third patio. Decorated tiles in blue and white border it and plain blue tiles line it. A little sitting-place under an awning enables one to take in the picture at leisure. When we visited this patio, the sunshine of a January morning was sweet with the scent of climbing heliotrope on the walls, the lawn and steps had been so carefully swept we could not find a loose stone anywhere to level the tripod of the camera. A mirador on some neighboring casa gave distant interest. It was a perfect little composition, true to the old Moorish conception of a garden in which tiles, water, walls, vines and shrubbery are prerequisites to their charm.

The variety of forms in which the Moors and Spaniards utilized water in their gardens is well demonstrated here. Besides the swimming pool, Casa

Mañana has three wall fountains. One is in the first patio, to make music while one dines, and another is in the fourth patio, but both are so hidden by trees that we could not photograph them.

The fountain we did manage to photograph is in the smallest garden of all, the fifth patio. We caught our first glimpse of it through an arched doorway, hidden away behind a jog in the wall of the fourth patio where laurel and banana trees make dense shade. There is no other access into this secret garden, the retreat which is the Morrow family's special delight. A vine, thunbergia alata, bearing little yellow flowers with dark centers is called fittingly the Eye of the Sparrow, Ojo de Perico.

This vine grows on the wall around the blue and yellow tiles of the fountain. Spanish jasmine and a delicate little white climbing rose, the same rose that Carlotta planted in the Borda gardens, add their fragrance to the (Continued on page 73)

Above: The architectural background of a pierced balustrade separating the fourth from the sixth patio sets off the beauty of the guamachil tree, in the crevices of which grow orchids. The Morrow gardener works in "whites"

Center: Looking back from the swimming pool toward the plum tree in the second patio. Here the high walls of the patio are covered with blue plumbago vine, climbing heliotrope and jasmine that give both color and shade

Right: Each side of the sixteen steps from the fourth patio up to the swimming pool beds of white myrtle, geraniums and sweet William and the shapes and shadows of the old banana trees make the ascent a pleasure



Above: Adjoining the dining ter race is the sala, which is lighted by grilled windows that pierce the thick walls. Spanish furniture of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries suggest New England provincial furniture of the same period. An unusually fine blue and white serape hangs over the desk and on the walls are gaily painted bowls, commonly known as bateas

TThe sun left a pale lemon smudge across the west horizon and then even this was blotted out as night came down across a steel-cold sky. No wind blew. Trees and bushes stood rigid. The air grew very still, except when a dog growled or a car whined as it turned the curve. Lights in windows down the valley shone feebly. The houses seemed to grow smaller as if their walls were closing in to protect those who dwelt behind them. It was not very cold. Anything might come that night; it might be rain or snow.

We hoped for snow, and in the dark held out hands to feel the first tickle of the flakes. Across the lawn we went, down stone steps, along a lilac hedge beneath whose twisted stems daffodils would bloom in Spring. How far off Spring seemed then! How comforting to know it would come again. It was comforting, too, to feel we knew the garden so well we could find our way in this inky darkness without tripping. Across the meadow, through the pine grove, and there, beside a wall where daylilies spatter their gold and sulphur flowers in Summer, the first flakes touched our hands.

And all through that night, while we slept warm and sheltered, we knew the miracle of the first snow was happening, knew that we would awake to find the world very still. To find the dun earth sheeted and the red roof white and on twig and branch the piled-up fringes that would clothe their stark nakedness with patterns of incomparable beauty.

So accustomed have we become to the confusions, cruelties and disillusions that threatened the world's peace these past few months that we no longer expect miracles. Few of us realize, while they are happening, that miracles are being worked. We feel that if there are going to be any miracles, we jolly well have to perform them ourselves. Then once in a while, as we wander in the dark, hands held out groping, some impact of Divine mercy, some fury of the elements, some wholly unheralded turn of events forces us to realize that we are not alone and forgotten, that the heavenly is penetrating the earthly, that God is struggling to disclose Himself to man.

In cities the first snow at nightfall comes differently. It filters past lighted office and apartment windows. As fast as it falls, traffic and the feet of surging crowds on pavements tramp it out. It lies untouched on roof and window sill and street-lamp rim. People going home walk head down and collide with each other. The air is electric with bustle and vitality and a strange beauty. Flakes lay patterns on coats and hats and etch the lenses of motor lights. Here's something to play with! That's what city folks feel.

If it continues through the night the city, too, wakes to a stillness and a miracle. Long before it is up and about, streets are thronged with shovelers



Skiing and skating, coasting and ice
boating beckon the traveler to Winter resorts


All tracks are cleared for Winter sports enthusiasts

T${ }^{T}$ rains are making ready to carry the lovers of Winter Sports to the healthiest activity in the world. But most of the passengers aboard are going for fun.

Some of them find their fun hobnailing up a glacier in the Rockies, others in skiing on a fine downhill run in the Laurentian Mountains of Canada or across the slopes of powder snow at Sun Valley, Idaho. And there are still those who prefer ice-boating, skating, tobogganing or sleighing near the mirrored lakes and icebound rivers scattered over the continent. Whatever the direction, those who seek the snow find not one, but a variety of outdoor sports awaiting them.

Suppose, for example, you choose to go to Quebec during the coming Christmas holidays. The old city that thrilled you with historic memories when you saw it in Summer is no less romantic blanketed with snow. The vieux cochers have exchanged their carriages for the brightly-painted traineaux with warm furry rugs, the culs-de-sac of the lower town are teeming with French-Canadians who are still housekeeping in the narrow streets, and the gothic towers of the Château Frontenac glisten with silvery lace. Some twelve miles north, nestled among the rolling hills and steep mountains, and easily accessible by autobus is Lac Beauport. There, interesting trails have been laid out for the skier. These include easy glides on the intermediate slopes and swift runs along the sharpangled pitches of down-mountain trails. The brilliant sunshine,
crisp cold air and powdered snow are just what the skier craves. And the expert finds keen competition on the specially constructed slalom courses, a real thrill in a high jump with the final breathtaking schuss.

Back in old Quebec, you can skate on a rink banked with snow walls, toboggan down the triple-chute slide. You can watch games of ice-hockey, attend the practices of the Dog Derby which is to be held late in February and ride for hours through the town in a sleigh with jingle bells. If fancy takes you, you might even try your hand at curling-that curious game invented by the Scots in 1620 -in which a cheese-shaped stone with an iron handle is hurled along an ice rink toward a tee. The old "curling stane which slides murmuring o'er the icy plain" is a traditional game in this oldworld atmosphere.

The Norwegians blandly declare that "If you can walk, you can ski." But the dictum wasn't accepted by a ski novice of last year who spent three weeks of his vacation in the Laurentian territory north of Montreal:
"There's a brief second of glory," he admitted recently. "That's the moment when you stand for the first time in wool regalia with those long shining hickory sticks strapped on your feet. Feel as if you were going to have your picture taken. But soon you are appalled by your clumsy feet. Awful. The only consolation is to lie upside down and repeat: 'in the (Continued on page 84)


GEORG JENSEN'S "ELSINORE" DESIGN


MARGHAB'S WHEAT PATTERN DOILY SET


ROYAL COPENHAGEN'S "JUNGLE" MOTIF

THE table on the opposite page is distinguished by a new color scheme of chartreuse and coral which has swung into the orbit of smart decoration this Fall. The coral borders of the Royal Copenhagen service plates dominate the setting and darker tints of the same shade reappear in the centerpiece of coral dahlias, gladioli and flame-colored pokers. Chartreuse chairs and a chartreuse damask cloth complete the color scheme. The remaining appointments, from the subtle lines of crystal stemware to the unornamented curves of the silverware, reflect absolute simplicity. And today simplicity is a synonym for elegance.

The fundamental secret of this sort of elegance seems to have been grasped and put into action so definitely by the Scandinavian designers that we have almost come to look upon it as of Scandinavian origin. The person most responsible for this interpretation is Georg Jensen, the Swedish silversmith. It is his design in silverware, "Elsinore", that we have used on this table. It is a design which breaks definitely with accepted tradition for, instead of the usual narrow center in each piece of tableware, there is a wide, flaring shaft that is graceful as well as original. The details of this pattern may be better appreciated from the photograph at the top of this page.

Again, on the table opposite, we have further details of simplicity. The crystal is Orrefors in the "Prince Eugene" pattern, and like all other accessories, with the exception of the damask cloth, may be found at Georg Jensen. The cloth, which sets off the coral of the service plates and the silver bowl and candelabra of the centerpiece, is rayon damask with a simple satin band; from Mossé. And the unusual chairs are from Grosfeld house. The silver gray carpet, from W. \& J. Sloane.

On this page are photographs of other appointments suitable for smart modern table arrangements, all from Georg Jensen. In the center photograph at the left is a white embroidered luncheon set made of a new diaphanous fabric, called "Margandie", with a Marghab design of wheat and flowers. At the lower left is the "Jungle" pattern of Royal Copenhagen china in beautifully executed designs of animals, birds, etc.-varying on each piece of china. Below are three new patterns of glassware: "Spectra" with delicate radiating lines; "Constellation" with stars; and "Prince Eugene" used on our table.


THREE NEW DESIGNS IN CRYSTAL STEMWARE


An exquisite setting for dinner reveals the charm of a new fashion in color



## How these fascinating flowers can be raised

 in small greenhouses, told by Helen H. AdamsORCHIDS are a rich man's hobby", "Orchids are too difficult for anyone but a specialist to grow" are statements frequently heard. Both of them are untrue. The first statement arises from the memories of the early days of importing orchids, when hundreds and even thousands of English pounds were paid for outstanding new hybrids, but today many varieties of the genus Orchidacae can be purchased at three dollars a bulb or more. And the orchid you own will blossom every year, sometimes twice. Finally, by dividing the back bulbs when repotting, it is possible to double the original outlay every two or three years.

The second statement-that orchids are dificult to grow-can only apply to the orchids which are shy and temperamental and need a specialist to diagnose their moods. But in the very large orchid family there are a number of varieties which are no more mysterious to raise than any other greenhouse plant. Indeed, given a condition where the temperature is regulated, where there is shade in the daytime, proper drainage, a good moist atmosphere and intelligent watering, orchids are one of the most difficult plants to kill.

Before examining the equipment of a small greenhouse for orchids and listing the genera easily obtained and easily grown, it might be well to explain exactly what is meant by a "small greenhouse."

A business man of Boston had such an orchid greenhouse measuring twelve by twenty feet. In that area he had an average of eight to a dozen plants in flower the year round. Enough orchids so that he could give a very special and exotic flower to some of his friends as well as his family several times a year. Left on the plants, his blossoms remained perfect from two weeks to two months.

By talking with the greenhouse manufacturer's representative and learning something of the germination of orchid seeds (practically a laboratory process calling for conditions and exactions beyond the amateur) the adult plant which you will buy in two- and three-inch pots becomes a remarkably hardy specimen, a plant which you will enjoy moving from one shelf to another in a greenhouse of your own.

The climatic conditions within the orchid greenhouse depend upon how many varieties of the orchid family you will grow. Almost the entire genus can be grown in a greenhouse that has three divisions-warm, intermediate and cool.

The following genera are well known and can be easily obtained. They are listed un- (Continued on page 70)

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Opposite: At flower shows the orchid exhibits are attracting more and more attention as the number of amateur gardeners growing these colorful flowers increases from year to year. Here is a group of mixed varieties displayed at the last International Flower Show



ONE of the most fascinating in our series of Portrait Rooms is this Regency dining room designed for House \& Garden by the New York decorator, Rebecca Dunphy. A clever use of striped wallpaper on a column in each corner of the room and for a canopy effect has combined to make an architectural background for mahogany furniture which is classical in line. And the modern treatment of mirror to line all recesses in the room prepares the way for further use of new materials in accessories and fabrics.

The Furniture selected for this room is mahogany in Sheraton design, with a dash of Regency influence. Its satinwood cross banding, marquetry and inlay work contribute an atmosphere of elegance in keeping with the stylized background. The finish is the mellow "Old London" finish of John. son Handley Johnson, who make it.

The Wallpaper sets the color scheme of the room, a fresh combination of shades-melon pink with chartreuse and gray. It is put on the ceiling in quarter sections, and covers composition board columns set in each corner. The valance is cut in scallops to look like the edge of a canopy. The paper is from M. H. Birge \& Sons. The side walls are painted light gray.

The Fabrics carry out the tones of the wallpaper in a striking manner. The draperies are chartreuse, in an L. C. Chase mohair and cotton fabric with an interesting rope weave stripe. The chair seats are Chase's Leatherette Redo in a melon-peach shade. Glass curtains of a sheer Quaker net have a delicate shadow stripe. The looped fringe which edges the scalloped draperies is from Consolidated Trimming.

The Floor is black Adhesive Sealex linoleum, from CongoleumNairn, over which is laid a rug of Alexander Smith's platinum beige twistweave carpeting shaped at the corners and edged with white wool fringe.

The Accessories are largely Mrs. Dunphy's own design. The indirect lighting fixtures are molded plaster painted a slightly darker gray than the wall. The four-tiered flower stand is of mirror and like the table decoration was designed by Mrs. Dunphy. <br> \section*{\title{
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THe suggestions offered here for a photographic laboratory and haps the ideal location is one adjoining your den or recteanishroom. This proximity to some free space is and mounting prints are ing operations such as trimming, serve, too, for the projection of done. This free room may of transparencies, as a studio for por your lantern slides and color transpl storage space for lights and raiture or copying, and as addition go in for photographic work addressed to the increasing nu just taking pictures, are hay photographers who, not satisflarging and printing them "darkroom" ing the fun of developing,

This new laboratright and cheerful as the moficent working for it can be made as well-organized space and efficien turned out larger pieces of equipment on an elaborate scale. If there is any way heans have them. Many opision can be your darkroom, by ane in broad day light and prossary. Windows photography can be done ion daylight when necessary. Wleasure or bathroom. Wuality as well as the quantity of increase the enjoy facilities, the q oved. And attractive quaring his own pictures. is greatly improvera fan finds in perfection in a darkroom Certain basic features must be prowhere you now live, or whether you remodel a still on the architect's boards. well-planned whether your home is a prerequisite to any a darkroom with A good location the preferred location for a dark and attic laboratory. A ceor a second choice. The bedre to water, electricity the ground floor a should not be cons most important. And because indispensable. Perand waste lines is more throughout the year is itater
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## Walter G. Speer of Verona, N. J. <br> transformed his coal bin

## Description of Photo-wagonette

into the modern darkroom pictured below

Richard Carver Wood, architect, designed for House \& Garden-and our apartment house dwelling readers-the portable darkroom or "photo-wagonette" below. It is divided into three units as shown in the small drawing. Total length $4^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime}$; depth $18^{\prime \prime}$. A. Developing unit, B. Printing unit, and C. Cover for the enlarger (also used as a stool). In the developing unit: 1 . Top of cabinet which lifts up to form shelves. 2. Shelf hinges down to hold (3) safelight, (4) timer, etc. 5. Viewing plate. 6. Space
for three trays. 7. Acid proof trough which can be removed for cleaning. 8. Work table. 9. Sliding doors. 10. Shelves for storing chemicals, etc. 11. Extension cord. In the printing unit: 1. Enlarger. 2. Easel or paper holder. 3. Light proof drawer for printing paper. 4. Printing paper storage. 5. Equipment storage. 6. Film storage. 7. Paper cutter space. 8. Space for timer, safelight, etc. 9. Lowered shelf. 10. Part of unit C which remains in place. Unit $C$ is the cover for the enlarger; also used as a stool.


Explanation of darkroom plan opposite

The drawing on the opposite page shows the floor plan (lower left) of a $10^{\prime} \times 14^{\prime}$ darkroom. Detailed elevations of the north and east wall appear above and to the right of this floor plan. Equipment is identified as follows: 1. Revolving door, light proof and dust proof. Made of plywood. 2. Control switches for general illumination and for special circuit of convenience outlets. Also for special ceiling light fixtures each containing a safety light and a white light. Each of these lights is separately controlled. 3. Closet for storage of equipment. 4. Light boxes in ceiling as described (2). 5. Paper cutter. 6. File drawers for negatives. 7. Shelves. 8. Narrow shelves for printing paper. 9 . Dry work table. 10. Contact printer built into work table. May be tilted for retouching, etc. Materials for retouching in drawer below. 11. Shelf for timing clocks, metronome, dodging accessories, air thermometer. 12. Enlarger. 13 Light proof drawers for printing paper of different sizes. 14. Ferrotype tin rack for drying glossy prints. 15 . Shelf for drying and storing developing tanks. 16. Rack for drying and storing trays. 17. Shelves for
mixing solutions, bottles, etc. 18. Foot switch for enlarger. 19. Trays in shallow trough of sink (22) which drains into deep sink (23). Hinged cover (21) goes over this trough when not in use. 20. Storage space for stock solutions. 23a. Towel rack. 24. Wash tray for prints with siphon (25). 26. Faucets, at least three cold and one hot, mixing type. 27. Cabinet for storage of dry chemicals and scales. 28. Cabinet below work table. 29. Linoleum-top work bench which may slope towards deep sink for draining. 30. Hinged book-type racks for drying prints between stretched muslin. 30a. Rods for suspension of films for drying. 31. Storage shelves. 32. Utility shelf for mounting equipment. 33. Desk top for record-keeping, etc. and work top for mounting and spotting prints. 34 . Drawers for records, etc. 35. Finished print file. 36 Dry mounting press. 37 . Window, properly light proofed. 38. Light proof screen. 39. Ventilation intake, electric blower. Brings fresh air from outdoors through (40) in mild weather, indoor air from (41) in cold weather. 42 . Hang-up type telephone set. 43. Small radio completes this darkroom.


THE FLOOR PLAN FOR MR. SPEER'S DARKROOM


NORTH WALL: THE PRINTING WALL WITH ALL SOLUTIONS HANDY


EAST WALL: THE ENLARGING CORNER, PROPERLY VENTILATED

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Foliage and flowers and the several
factors needed to make them thrive

0NCE on a time, when house plants were mentioned, people invariably thought of nice old ladies fussing over their pots in sunny country house windows. Old ladies blessed with the "green thumb", whose ferns and rubber plants and bulbs flourished because, so it was said, they loved them.

Today, inside plant windows on pent house roofs and in city apartments as well as in thousands of country and suburban homes, we find alert women who are none the less attractive because they mix scientific skill with their love for plants and whose "green thumbs" are well known to the members of their garden clubs. They not only know more than their grandmothers, but they also have many more kinds of plants to fuss over and much more efficient equipment to work with.

Just how much need you know to succeed in Winter window gardening if you haven't a greenhouse?

First you must observe how much of the Winter's usually diluted sunlight is available. Then find out which plants need the maximum and which will survive with the minimum amount of sunlight. There are enough of both kinds.

The air in your house is another important factor. Is it apt to be dry and have you an old hot air furnace which occasionally delivers fumes that are sure death to certain plants?

The water and food requirements of plants are further factors and if you are going to do your own work, which is the only way to have fun with house plants, you should know something about potting soils required by the various types.

Also it is just as well to be able to recognize the pests and diseases that invariably attack house plants and have the required remedies at hand. You may also have to decide whether you want lots of flowers or merely foliage or both.

Let us begin with a selection of plants for the full sun of a southern window. These include amaryllis, annuals (such as alyssum, lobelia, mignonette, morning glory, nasturtiums, petunias, snapdragons and verbenas), azaleas, begonias, calanchoe, calla lilies, clivias, crown of thorns, gardenias, geraniums, heliotrope, hydrangeas, Jerusalem cherry, marica, oxalis, passion vine, poinsettia, patience plant and spirea. The foliage plants that want the maximum amount of sun are cacti and sedums.

In east windows that are partially shady, these should thrive among the flowering plants: abutilon, African violet, daffodils, tulips and other such bulbs, Christmas cactus, cyclamen, Daphne odora, fuchsias, Roman hyacinths, lilies-of-the-valley and primulas. Of the foliage plants, you can succeed with aloes, aralia, begonias, coleus, crassula, cryptanthus, Dieffenbachia, dracaenas, ferns, climbing rubber plants, marantas, Norfolk Island pine, palms, peperomia, philodendron and pothos.

In practically sunless north windows you can place aspidistra, Boston ferns, rubber plants, ivies, pandanus, Philodendron cordata and that hardy old-timer, sansevieria.

Quite an assortment for any household! It contains enough varisty to adorn many types of homes and by reading further you can choose those that require little or much work. Some are bulbs which must be rooted in the dark and brought to light for flowering. Some you keep from year to year, others are discarded after flowering and still others need merely a rest. Some have no particular soil requirements and others have decided tastes.

The heat of the house supplies one necessary factor to the growth of these plants. It should average from 60 to 70 degrees, not letting it drop lower than 55 . Sunlight can be supplemented by electric light. To supply the necessary moisture, four methods are used. Humidifiers or water pans on radiators. "Top water"-fill the top of the pot until the water runs into the saucer. Bottom watering is required by certain plants and in this you pour the water into the saucer or set the pot in a shallow (Continued on page 74)

## A POR'IPOLIO

of Distinguished Houses selected by the Editors of House \& Garden from thousands recently built in six of the major geographical subdivisions of the country: the Atlantic Coast, the Carolinas, Great Lakes, Rocky Mountains, Desert Country and the Pacific Coast. It will be observed in the Portfolio which is presented in the next fourteen pages, that each of the houses selected has its own appropriate character, reflecting, individually, the climatic, traditional or scenic atmosphere of its settingenduring factors which give impulse and inspiration to residential design. We believe, therefore, that this architectural panorama will show that in the magnificent diversity of the American scene lies a sure guarantee of the continuing vitality and creative genius of American architecture

## HULANHIC COAST

Kenneth Kassler, architect, employs modern materials in his new home at Princeton, N. J.


ALL PHOTOGRAPHS FROM ROBERT DAMORA
When an Architect is his own client, the resulting house is in some measure a statement of that architect's beliefs. So Kenneth Kassler's use of modern materials is of more than ordinary significance. Precast concrete blocks, plain and molded in alternate courses, are used for the walls; copper-covered steel for the roof. The windows are steel casements. The carefully isolated studio is heated by pipes hidden in walls and ceiling. Notice the large amount of storage space and the compact arrangement of rooms. The porch space may later be enclosed as an extra room, the studio converted into a bedroom


Left: Looking across Mr. Kassler's living room towards the hall. The metal ceiling, painted white, is of prefabricated units which also serve as floor joists for the second floor rooms. The emerald green upholstery of the sofa stands out sharply against the gum wood veneer on the walls and the floor of brown cork. The living room is divided from the dining room by long curtains (seen at left)

Right: The southeast wall of the living room has a dado of glass brick with large sheets of clear glass above. Two slender lally columns outside support a canopy designed to give shelter from the hot Summer sun. All the living room furniture is of mahogany, but it achieves an interesting variety because the wood is bleached in some pieces and left natural in others. Steese \& Emmons were the decorators


Left: The spacious dining room is set at right angles to the living room, the division between the rooms marked by floor-to-ceiling curtains of the same off-white material used for the window drapes. The table and chairs are of fir wood with the soft grain rubbed out and filled with white paint so that the dark, hard grain stands out prominently. From Rena Rosenthal; designed by Tommy Parzinger

The Dining Room of Mr. Beane's house (shown on the opposite page) has all the legendary characteristics of the old South. There are the familiar ancestral portraits and silver heirlooms - the Sheraton table and sideboard. The walls are silver gray and the trim a lighter shade of the same color. Curtains are embroidered net. Oriental rugs add color

The Parlor is formal and dignified-as all parlors in the southern manner should be. Old family pieces, the twin Victorian couches and the matching chair, revive the charm of another age. As in the dining room, walls and trim are in two tones of gray; the curtains, embroidered net. The glittering chandelier is a Colonial reproduction


The Beanes' Living Room takes up the entire left wing. Its location affords the privacy the owners desired. Soft colors blend with pine paneled walls. The English chintz draperies are a plum brown; the Oriental rug, a light green. The couch and rocking chairs were handed down by Colonial forebears. The long path of the Inland Waterway is visible from the bay window, left. Willis Irvin, architect, Mrs. Beane was her own decorator

## THE CAROLINAS

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Beane is set among the ivied oaks and dogwood at Wrightsville Sound, N. C.


The House is the architectural offspring of Mr. Beane's father's home in Augusta, Georgia. Like the old southern house of the ante-bellum days it has the long stair hall running from front porch to back. To the right of the hall are the formal parlor and dining room, to the left, the bedrooms. Servants' quarters are in the right wing, a family living room in the left. Two bedrooms on the second floor are used by the children during school vacations


## GREAT LAKNS

Mr. and Mrs. George O. Johnston's home at Grosse Pointe, Mich., presents a modern view of Regency

Right: The living room reflects the decorative tone of the entire house. It's Regency, a very classical Regency, interpreted in terms of modern colors: white (walls), beige (ceiling), seal-brown (rugs), and almond-green (details). Modern lamps of carved wood stand atop the classic marble pilasters at either side of the fireplace. The furniture, upholstered in brown satin, has the sweeping curves prescribed by tradition. The curtains are of a rough white silk in contrast to the brown satin swags

Right: The library has that well-groomed look. It is clean-cut and modern, yet definitely classic in design. Colors are deftly handled. The walls are paneled in pine with a natural waxed finish. The ceiling is a faded brick-red which echoes the vermilion leather top of the pine desk. Vermilion shows again in covering for the fireplace bench. On the mantel, the clock and two vases of antique red tôle stand out against the neutral wall. Sagebrush green brightens wool curtains and sofa covering

Opposite: The floor of the entrance hall is a gigantic checkerboard of black and white marble. A ribbon of mustard gold carpet runs between white walls and polished steel balusters to the floor above. The English crystal chandelier has shiny black paper shades. In the dining room through the door under the stairs, rich colors come from pine furniture finished in champagne serge and a champagne rug. Bright color accent-the tangerine shade in the raw silk curtains. Joseph Mullen, decorator and designer of interior architecture


## ROCKY MOUNTAINS



The Bromfields' circular dining room is done entirely in gray. Many people might expect a dull, colorless interior. Careful shading, however, eliminates monotony and produces an altogether charming effect. A moonstone gray is used for the walls, ceiling and cur-tains-a darker gray for the furniture and linoleum floor. At the right, a sliding wall of glass, designed like a Japanese paper window, separates living room and dining room

The View of the Rockies dictated the plan and position of the house. Its huge windows frame spectacular panoramas of Pike's Peak and Mt. Evans. Exterior brick walls are painted light gray and are capped by a slate-blue cornice of clapboards. Although the house was completed recently, nine years were spent in transforming its open-field site into a well-landscaped setting. Burnham Hoyt, architect. Thornton Fuller, decorator



The Living Room color scheme is simple, modern. Large masses of color replace the usual scattered patterns. The gray of the dining room is carried over into the living room curtains, rugs, and furniture. Large blocks of yellow dominate the room-a light yellow is used on plaster walls and ceiling, a darker shade in the linoleum floor


From The Huge plate glass window in the living room the Bromfields look across their terrace to the mountains beyond. At night the dark window-area is screened by soft gray curtains. The piano and two seats flanking the window are finished in slate-blue, the one variation in the yellow and gray scheme. Glass doors (left) lead to the terrace


The Rincon Mountarns rim the sandy mesa upon which Stone Ashley is placed. From their foothills came the boulders for its walls; and their shadows suggested the color of the roof tiles, which range from peacock blue to black. And out of the clear beauty of the Arizona night sky came the inspiration for the star motif which appears in many decorative details of the estate. Grosvenor Atterbury, architect; John Tompkins, associate

## DESERIT COUN'IRY

"Stone Ashley", Miss Florence L. Pond's estate, rises from the sandy mesa near Tucson, Arizona

KEY TO THE PLAN

1. Living room
2. Hall
3. Terrace
4. Dining room
5. Loggia
6. Library

7,8. Guest rooms
9. Bathhouse
10. Pantry
11. Kitchen
12. Servants' hall
13. Garage

14-16. Superintendent's quarters



Above: Water is a vital element in the design of a desert estate, and its decorative value may be combined with its utilitarian purposes of cooling and irrigation. At Stone Ashley water cooled in fountains is circulated through radiators in the basement, which in turn cool the air forced over them by fans and distributed by ducts through the house. The same radiators, filled with hot water, are used to warm the air circulated for Winter heating

Below Left: Bubbling out at the edge of a paved terrace, the water splashes over a series of semicircular steps (shown above), then courses down an inclined channel through the sunken Garden Court to a pool at the far end. Here it is broken into fine spray on a cooling-tower, then passes, cooled, to the basement radiators. Thence it returns to the terrace pool and once again goes through this decorative process of cooling

Below Right: In the Star Fountain water is arranged to form an imposing and decorative centerpiece for this square Fore Court. From the five points and center of a raised star, edging a light turquoise green basin, rise jets of water which fall back into a surrounding pool of deep peacock blue. The star motif, so often found at Stone Ashley, is repeated on a larger scale by an outline star inlaid in the cobblestones of the pavement (see plan)



Above Left: Among the outstanding decorative features of Stone Ashley are the wrought iron grilles and gates designed by the architect. This is the Sun Gate, facing the east. Above Right: From the eastern terrace above the sunken Garden Court, the view stretches over the desert to the mountains on the horizon. In the background is Miss Pond's suite with a shaded balcony and loggia placed in a commanding position above the living room

Below: These guests' rooms face the South Court swimming pool (shown on facing page). The walls of the estate are all built of large and almost uncut boulders-ranging in color from gray, through buff, to pink and mauve - gathered in near-by canyons. By grouting back of the stone facing and using brick courses at regular intervals the walls were quickly constructed by native labor under the control of a single skilled mason

## STONE ASHLEY'S COOL TURRACES




## AN OASIS IN THHE ARIKONA DESERTT

Above Left: A detail of one of the wrought iron grilles in the outer wall. The heavy wooden shutters are a useful safeguard against occasional high winds and dust storms. Above Right: The South Court as seen from the guest wing of the house. In the foreground is the swimming pool, in the background the games lawn, on the far right, a corner of the bathhouse. The alleys on each side are shaded by evergreen Japanese privet trees

Below: The curved wall of the Service Court, with its thick bulky texture, seems to sum up the function of all the walls behind and about it-ramparts against the desert. In the planting, this line between inside and out is less definite. Merging with the natural desert growth of greasewood, cactus and palo verde bushes, are orange and grapefruit trees, which serve as introduction to the more luxuriant greenery within the walls


## PACIDIC COAS'I



The Nasts' House is typical of California design. The "H" shaped plan provides good light and ventilation for every room. The patios, above and below the cross-bar of the "H", reflect the Spanish influence. Inside, the house is Colonial. Only two colors, blue and cherry (or variations of these), are used in the decoration. Large flagstones, set into the green lawn, form a dustless driveway which dominates the approach to the house

The Study is between the two bedrooms in the left wing. It is a comfortable, Early American room with pine paneled walls and a generous sprinkling of antiques. The built-in couch also serves as an extra bed for the unexpected guest. The bookcase is set into a door which leads to the conveniently located bathroom. Chintz draperies, rug and upholstery of the couch are deep blue. The mohair-covered fireside chair is a rose pink


In the Nasts' living room white is mixed with the fundamental cherry and blue color scheme. The fireplace end of the room is finished in white wood paneling. The other walls are light blue. A white quilted chintz with a cherry and blue design is used for the draperies and as a cover for the couch. The wing chair, upholstered in cherry, stands out against the light gray of the carpet. Old oil lamps add bright spots of color

Below Left: The bar, cleverly set in one wall of the library, is concealed by pine panels when not in use. Below Right: The Nasts make their amusing collection of old housewares serve various decorative functions. Here, a group of oil lamps-irregular shapes and brightly colored glass-provides an unusual treatment for that frequently bare spot, the dining room bay. Gerald Colcord, architect. Hazel Hartman, decorator



Floor plan and photographs showing arrangement of a typical large modern kitchen and pantry

Here is convincing proof that the "heavy duty" kitchen can be as attractive in appearance as it is practical in plan. Glass brick has been used to diffuse the strong sunlight and eliminate glare. The double compartment sink set in the continuous monel metal work-top has an extra large bowl to replace the old scullery sink. The marble slab, which pastry cooks demand, has been neatly counter-sunk in the top. The wall behind the range and the sides of adjoining wall cabinets have been faced with metal so steam and grease marks may be easily removed. Double doors between the pantry and dining room are a buffer against kitchen noise. Ample cabinet space for china, silver, glass and linen is included in the pantry. General Electric range and Whitehead Metal Cabinets.

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## To provide perfect service for a large house,

 requires careful planning and special equipment

For those who believe that good food and service come only from big kitchens in the old tradition, there is professional equipment adapted for domestic use. The large gas range shown above has two roasting ovens and one for pastry, open and closed top burners and a grill. Next to the warming closet is a large salaman-der-type broiler which is easily operated. From Standard Gas Equipment Co. A cook's table is a first essential with many chefs. Here pots, pans and utensils are within reach of the work-top. Drawer below for cutlery. NathanStrauss-Duparquet.

In planning a really large kitchen for the use of several servants, it is not enough to take a good average kitchen plan, expand the floor space and just make everything bigger. The preparation of food in large quantities and the routine of formal service call for a separate kitchen and butler's pantry, designed to work together as a unit. In many houses, particularly in the country, a larder must be included as a third part of the "large kitchen group".

Simple heavy duty equipment and large work surfaces are more important than clever step-saving devices, and this equipment must be so arranged that the cook and kitchen maid, the butler and waitress can do their work without getting in each other's way.

Until recently the design of large kitchens has been based entirely on convenient use and easy maintenance, with little or no consideration given to the appearance of the room. Now we know that the obvious advantages of continuous work-tops and built-in cabinets can be adapted to large kitchens without affecting their utility.

But if you, or your cook, are convinced that good food and flawless service can come only from kitchens which suggest the days of Brillat-Savarin, plan your kitchen in the best traditional manner. Pave the floor with brick red tiles and hang your pots and pans at each side of a big range. Put in a cook's table, a scullery sink and a heavy wood butcher's block for preparing meats. Yours will be a good substantial kitchen with a definitely professional atmosphere.

With the cooking, serving and storage facilities separated, the kitchen and the pantry will not be very large in actual floor space, but they should not be planned according to the space-saving standards of average kitchens. Eighteen feet by twentyfour is usually a good sized kitchen for a cook and one helper. If there is no separate servants' hall, for sitting and dining, the kitchen must be larger or planned with an alcove for this purpose.

The length of the pantry is determined by the amount of cabinet space needed for china, glass, silver and linen storage, as well as by the floor plan of the house. To allow easy passage in the pantry, the width between the base cabinets should
not be less than five feet. The size of the larder, lined with shelves, bins and racks, naturally depends on the amount of food to be stored. In big country houses at a great distance from the markets, the larder may well be very large with a special refrigerated section for the meat supply.

Good light is a first essential in a kitchen which will be used almost fulltime, so the window locations should be carefully studied in relation to the equipment. The popular arrangement of the sink and main work center in front of large windows is not always satisfactory. In certain exposures, depending on the trees and outside planting, the glare from sunlight can be very tiresome and harmful. The glass brick wall, shown on the opposite page, is as practical as it is decorative since it diffuses the direct sunlight.

Artificial lighting in a large kitchen can best be done with high wattage indirect ceiling fixtures and supplementary lights over the sink and range, when necessary. Because of the large open work surfaces, small under-cabinet lights can seldom be used to advantage. Cross ventilation is rarely sufficient to carry off the steam and odors when much cooking is being done. Consequently all large ranges, either gas or electric, should be equipped with hoods and connected to a flue or duct with forced exhaust. This prevents the escape of odors to the rest of the house, makes the kitchen more comfortable, and keeps the walls from being marked with steam and grease.

The location of equipment in a large kitchen usually follows a simple, logical pattern with a very large work surface between the sink and range. The refrigerator, for foods used in cooking, can be set apart from the main work center, if necessary, but it should have a worktop next to it so that foods can be set down as they are taken to and from the refrigerator. If a separate scullery sink is used, it will be most convenient if located near the range and pot closet and away from the food preparation center.

For the kitchen which is equipped with a continuous work-top and built-in cabinets in the modern manner, a large double compartment sink basin, set into the work-top, is usually the best choice. This type has the great advantage of eliminating the (Continued on page 80)


Storm sash returns as a major item
in comfort and operating economy

Right: For use with a standard double hung wood window, this Winter window is applied on the outside of the frame. Note the tilt-in vent at the bottom which when the lower sash is raised may be opened to provide for draughtless ventilation. Curtis

Right: Winter "window conditioning" is here accomplished by fixing the supplementary sash directly to the existing sash. This "double glazing" may be left in place the year around, does not affect the normal functioning of the casement window. Andersen


Left: The Winter sash is here placed inside a casement window. Built of light steel, it is easily secured in place, may be replaced with an insect screen for Summer. The ventilation feature is optional; one per room is generally found adequate. Hope's


IN what respect were houses of forty years ago better equipped than homes built today? Certainly our modern heating plants are better, likewise our plumbing, our kitchen facilities, our wall and ceiling insulation. In fact, we have been content to think that every detail of the home has been subjected to thorough study and scientific development. Nevertheless, one item which was considered of major importance years ago, and which is even more important today, has been curiously neglected by most home owners and builders. This item is the Winter window.

If you are building a home, you will undoubtedly give serious consideration to a good heating plant. You will also apply insulation to walls and ceiling in order to reduce the cost of heating and increase your comfort. But will you give any thought to that considerable area of the walls which interposes only a single sheet of glass between the warm rooms and the cold outdoors?

There are two ways in which your efforts to heat your home are seriously impeded by improper "window conditioning". Loose-fitting windows permit cold draughts to blow in through the cracks between sàsh and frame, thus lowering the room temperature. This drawback is overcome when you build with modern snug-fitting windows, or install effective weatherstripping. This may entirely overcome infiltration of cold air-but the heat in your home can escape, and your fuel can be wasted, despite this wise precautionary measure.

For weatherstripping cannot supply insulation. The glass in every window in your home is chilled by the cold air outside. The warm air in your rooms is in constant contact with these cold surfaces which, by conduction, soak up the heat and dispel it outdoors. Insulation of these window areas is neither expensive nor complicated. As a matter of actual test (by Professor Larson of the University of Wisconsin) Winter windows may pay for themselves in less than two - heating seasons. Obviously, the colder the average outdoor temperature, the greater will be the fuel savings through the use of Winter windows.

The principle of window insulation is no different today than forty years ago, though the windows themselves have been much improved. In essence, it is simply a matter of supplementing the present window with a second one, leaving a dead air space between the two panes. This dead air space is a very poor conductor of heat, so the outer pane may be cold and the inner one warm, yet very little warmth will flow across the intervening space. The warm air in the room never comes in contact with the "refrigerated" glass outside and the temperature of the room therefore remains more constant. This, in turn, decreases the load on the heating system with resultant saving in fuel.

The amount of fuel saved by the use of Winter windows will vary, as has been indicated above, according to such factors as weather, location, type of construction, etc. But it is authoritatively stated that reductions of as much as thirty percent in fuel bills have been recorded. A residence in Boston, for example, having 500 square feet of glass area (not an extraordinary amount) was provided with Winter windows. Calculations showed that each square foot of double-glazing saved from 1.04 to 1.69 gallons of oil per heating season. This makes a total of from 720 to 845 gallons saved annually.

The table of figures presented on the next page, showing fuel savings derived from house insulation, is worthy of close study. This table is based on impartial tests conducted by

Professor Larson and applied to his own home in Madison, Wisconsin. It is interesting to note that Professor Larson found that double glazing saved more fuel than any other single form of insulation. But it is even more important to remember that when wall and ceiling insulation is used, as it is in most modern homes, the savings offered by Winter windows are in addition to savings effected by other insulation.

Thus far we have dealt exclusively with the effect of Winter windows on comfort and on fuel consumption. There remains, however, still another advantage which is of special importance in air-conditioned homes or homes in which some form of humidification is used during the Winter season.

Humidity is moisture in vapor form. The warmer the air, the more of this vapor it can sustain. But let the warm, humidified air come in contact with a cold surface-be it a pitcher of ice water or a cold windowpane-and we find the moisture precipitated from the chilled air in the form of actual drops of water. This is called condensation.

Now, the whole purpose of humidification is to create and maintain a healthful balance of moisture and warmth in the indoor air. To this end a humidifying apparatus is included in our air-conditioning system; or some special humidifier may be used, supplementary to the regular heating plant. But if the outdoor temperature is comparatively low, and if our window areas are correspondingly cold, the air will be robbed of this moisture as fast as it comes in contact with the glass. This unnecessary load may make it impossible to maintain a proper relative humidity.

Furthermore, the fog or frost which is deposited on the windows is, to say the least, a source of annoyance and may be the cause of serious damage to woodwork and underwindow wall surfaces. In severe weather, condensation is so extreme that water may collect on window sills and from there run down the wall itself. By actual test, condensation occurs on single, glazed windows when the outside temperature is 31 degrees above zero and the indoor temperature 70 degrees with a relative humidity of 40 percent. Under the same conditions condensation does not occur with double glazed windows until the outdoor temperature drops to 26 degrees below zero.

The use of Winter windows cures condensation in the same way that it minimizes heat loss through the glass. The dead air space between the two panes keeps the inner glass from becoming chilled, removing the cause of condensation.

The illustrations accompanying this article indicate the wide variety of Winter windows available. There are types for double hung windows and types for casements; the sash which holds the glass may be of wood or of metal; installation may be either inside or outside of present windows, as shown in our drawings. Any of these types will do its work effectively, the essential point being simply that the Winter sash must fit as snugly as possible to the frame, so that the space between the two windows is sealed against infiltration of air.

Financing of the purchase of Winter windows for your home is facilitated by the provisions of the Federal Housing Act. F.H.A. requires no down payment and the monthly charges may be paid out of the fuel savings effecteḑ. If you borrow $\$ 150$, for example, the average monthly payment on a two year loan will be $\$ 6.69$; on a three yeảr loan, $\$ 4.59$; and on a five-year loan, $\$ 2.93$. After the loan is paid off, the fuel savings afforded by your Winter windows will represent a very substantial annual return on your original investment. For additional information, see page 81.


Left: This cut-away section shows the dead air space between casement sash and Winter window which acts as a barrier to heat loss through the glass areas. The locking handle of this casement operates through an air-tight rubber collar. Fenestra

Richt: This simple but effective Winter window is composed of a wood sash suspended from steel hangers and equipped with adjusters which secure the sash in any désired position. Detailed are two hangers from Sargent and an adjuster from Curtis Cos.


Fuel Savings From House Insulation are listed in the table shown above, based on tests conducted by Prof. G. L. Larson, of the University of Wisconsin. The calculations shown here were applied to a two-story house with an unfinished attic space, concrete foundation, and frame construction. It contained eight rooms and a bath above the basement. The heating season was 260 days. Oil figured at 7.2 cents per gallon

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The Advent moon shines cold and
clear this month and gardeners work
indoors and under glass
 A few outdoor jobs remain to be done. Throughout New England, hit by the September hurricane, there'll be work aplenty sawing wood of fallen trees.
2
Now is the season to cut down undesirable trees and
2 shrubs and shape those that grow gawky. So long as the ground is open, feed trees and shrubs.
7. Christmas rose, blooming outdoors now, will need a d collar of leaves to prevent flowers being spattered. . . . Cut down lingering perennial stalks.
4 Inspect fences for weak posts and palings and repair before Winter winds. Bring under cover heavy garden furniture and note repairs and painting. .
5 The first light mulches can begin going on beds and
borders. Heap soil around roses to $9^{\prime \prime}$ and haul strawy manure for their final covering.
fi Armed with brush hook and gauntlets, start the slaughter of poison ivy. Burn it root and branch but keep out of its baleful smoke.
7 Bird baths made of concrete are liable to crack and 7 should be stored indoors. This also applies to statuary unless boxed.
0 You can still sow in the open hardy annuals such as 0 alyssum, calendulas, candy-tuft, annual chrysanthemums, pinks, lupines and sweet peas.
0 Bulbs of Lilium auratum and L. speciosum, arriving from abroad, should be planted immediately. Cover bulbs $8^{\prime \prime}$ deep as they are stem-rooting. Once a week make rounds of bird-feeding stations and scatter food. These stations and the suet in cages should be out of the reach of cats. Regal lily bulbs potted in late December will flower the first week in April with heat at $55^{\circ}-60^{\circ}$. Plant in deep pans, using several bulbs in each. You can make flowers of cut poinsettias stay fresh by soaking the end of the stem in boiling water or over a flame. . . . Try growing balloon vine indoors.
13 The Lady Washington geranium, for a time out of favor, is fashionable again as a house plant. It has numerous varieties that bloom profusely. Soon the potted chrysanthemums will reach the end of their indoor bloom. Take them to the cellar to rest. . . . Watch house plants for red spider. Mealy bugs, which look like dabs of cotton, have an affinity for coleus. Destroy them with kerosene emulsion or a touch of alcohol.

16 When leaves of aspidistra become brown-spotted, remove them and new growth will appear. This is known as the "Cast Iron Plant".

If you have no Winter humidification, attach a humidifier to the radiator in the room where house plants are growing and keep the pan filled. Coal gas is a deadly enemy of Christmas peppers and Jerusalem cherries, causing them to drop their leaves. Poinsettias must be watered daily.
10 All stored bulbs should be inspected occasionally. D Destroy those that seem to be going soft. Cut out diseased spots and dust them with sulfur.
90 It is never too late to turn the compost heap. If this necessary task was neglected in Autumn, work on it now and don't spare the manure.
01 Azaleas should be kept cool and watered generously by setting the pot in a basin of water. Feed house plants with manure water every two weeks.
90 Don't throw away wood ashes. Store them in a metal can in a dry place. Rain leaches out their virtues. You will be needing ashes next Spring. If you have clay soil, don't throw away your coal ashes. These, together with peat moss and rotted leaves, will help make hard clay porous.

24 Trim the tree indoors. Hang lights on the Christmas trees outdoors. Decorate the windows and front entrance. Place candles in windows.
95 How's the old song go? "In the flowering of the lilies 20) Christ was born across the sea." No gardening today. Church, presents, dinner and a nap.
96 Go over garden notes. Count successes and failures 0 and costs. Even gardening should be budgeted and enthusiasm for expenditures safely disciplined.
27 Now that they are rooted, bring in for forcing-bulbs of crocuses, daffodils, early tulips, freesias, oxalis, Roman hyacinths and scillas.
98 Catalogs do accumulate. Take a last look at old ones, saving those you simply can't spare. Discard the rest, making room for January's crop. Force a dish or so of lily of the valley pips. Keep in a dark, moist place until well started and then bring to light for flowering.
30 Hot buttered rum or wine mulled with water, sugar and spices are worthy drinks for gardeners on these last nights of the year. The old year goes. Thank God for the gardening it has brought you and the benediction of green beauty. Pray to be spared for yet another Spring. This Winter study a plant family. Take the lilacs. Read Alice Harding's "Lilacs in My Garden", John C. Wister's "Lilac Culture" and Susan D. McKelvey's "The Lilac".

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ORCHIDS FOR YOU
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der their proper houses and the minimum temperatures given in every instance.

Warm House: $65^{\circ}-70^{\circ} \mathrm{min}$. Aerides, Angraecum, Anguloa, Brassavola, Broughtonia, Burlingtonia, Calanthe, Coelogne, Cypripedium, Dendrobium, Miltonia, Oncidium, Peristeria, Phaius, Platyclinis, Renanthera, Saccolabium, Stanhopea, Thunia, Vanda.

Intermediate: $50^{\circ}-55^{\circ} \mathrm{min}$. Bifrenaria, Bletia, Brassia, Catasetum, Cattleya, Chysis, Coelogne, Cymbidium, Cypripedium, Epidendrum, Laelia, Lycaste, Miltonia, Oncidium, Schomburgkia, Zygopetalum.

Cool: $45^{\circ}-50^{\circ} \mathrm{min}$. Coelogne, Cymbidium, Disa, Laelia, Lycaste, Masdevallia, Maxillaria, Odontoglossum, Ondicium, Sobralia, Sophronitis.

The bulk of the literature upon orchid culture is from English sources, and owing to the excessive moisture and lack of sunshine is not a suitable guide for our conditions, which are naturally much more favorable. Dr: E. A. White of the Department of Plant Physiology of Cornell University, has just published a new edition of his excellent little book, "Orchid Culture," which is a reliable source. Commercial growers are always generous and helpful with their advice, and those in the vicinity of the amateur provide a practical demonstration of the greatest value.

I will take up in detail only the most commonly grown types suitable for an Intermediate House. Any greenhouse that can be kept to a minimum of fifty degrees in Winter will house orchids successfully and even in a house as small as twelve by fifteen, one can have orchids blooming the year round.

## cattleyas

The Cattleya is probably the best known of the orchids, owing to the commercial demand for corsages and bouquets of this showy flower. Although they are commonly designated "the purple orchid," they comprise a range of innumerable, indescribable shades from palest blush pink to deep purple, white, yellow, bronze, and exhibit great individuality. The Cattleya species alone will provide blossoms all through the year, for beginning with C. labiata in the Autumn, follows C. Percivaliana, C. Trianae, C. Schroederae, C. Mossiae, C. Mendellii, C. Gaskelliana, C. gigas, and back to C. labiata again. The flowers will last two and three weeks on the plants in their full beauty.

They belong to the epiphytic class of orchids, that is, they are really airplants and cling to the limbs of trees or to old stumps, wrapping their roots about them for support and deriving their nourishment from the moisture in the air and such humus as drifts their way. For this reason, they are very firmly potted in chopped osmunda fiber (fern-root). All epiphytic orchids have a spongy covering to their roots and cannot endure water standing around them for any length of time. In their native habitat with their roots exposed to the air, they have all the benefit of the heavy rains and dews and are dried immediately by the sun. The osmunda fiber, being coarse and porous, provides complete drainage and to further this, at
least one-fourth of the pot should be devoted to charcoal and broken potsherds. They demand that they be perfectly firm in their pots, otherwise the young roots are apt to be injured. It is probably impossible for an amateur to pot them too hard. When buying a plant, ask the commercial grower to show you how it is done. This will tell you more than all written descriptions put together. They are no more difficult to pot than other plants, once you see the method.

## cymbidiums

Cymbidiums are generally seen in abundance at the Spring flower shows, and are among the most decorative of the orchids. Their slender, graceful leaves, and tall sprays of flowers, in the most delicate of pinks, greens, yellows, browns, and many varying hues of these colors, draw much admiration. The various species and their hybrids blossom from October to May and the flowers will last on the plants in perfection from six weeks to two months.

Hybrids with a wide range of colors can be bought very reasonably and there are a number of charming species that are plentiful. Cym. eburneum, ivorywhite, sometimes tinged with rose; Lowianum, greenish yellow marked with brown; Tracyanum, green, lined with crimson; insigne, pale pink, beautifully marked with tiny purple spots on the lip; all are lovely examples.

These belong to the terrestrial class, that is, roots growing in the ground, and they will do well for years without repotting. They thrive in a mixture of two parts fiber and one part tough fibrous loam with plenty of broken charcoal to keep the whole very porous. For best results, finish off the top inch or so with plain fiber and eliminate all danger of souring the soil.

## CYPRIPEDIUMS

The Cypripedium, or Paphiopedilum, as the greenhouse type is botanically designated, is best known as the "lady-slipper orchid." It is one of the most interesting and variable of them all. They bloom from October until April or May, the flowers remaining in perfect condition for at least a month or six weeks, and are the most cheerful and individual of flower companions.

They, too, are terrestrials, and want osmunda fiber with a light sprinkling of sand or crock-dust and a small amount of sphagnum moss worked in around the rim of the pot. There are so many varieties of Cyp. insigne that one can hardly name them. Cyp. insigne var. Sanderae is one of the most charming, of primrose yellow with a white border on the dorsal sepal and a few minute spots of reddish brown at its base; insigne Harefield Hall is a fine, large, handsome variety. Spicerianum and Fairreanum are two of the most intriguing of the species. Spicerianum has a white dorsal sepal with a horizontal stripe of crimson purple down the center, petals green, dotted with brown and beautifully undulating, and the pouch, violet with a pale green margin. Fairreanum reminds one of an elfin face peeping up from the leaves. It is greenish white, finely striped with vio-
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THE CAROLINAS
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Those with experience in the climate and mode of life in the South will appreciate the advantages of the spacious central hall, running clear through from the front to the back piazza

The rear of Mr. Beane's house shows the same ordered simplicity that characterizes the front. The large central dormer serves to light the stairs leading to the two second floor bedrooms


## GREAT LAKES

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Mr. Johnston's home has a


The majesty of an oval stair hall has been achieved without an undue amount of waste space. The arrangement of powder rooms and closets by the front door is noteworthy planning


## CASA MAÑANA

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exotic perfume of the datura trumpets. Against the garden wall opposite the fountain is a tile-roofed pavilion with table and chairs inside and a collection of native pottery. A mural in dreamlike colors painted by René d'Harnoncourt decorates the wall. It shows the town of Cuernavaca in perspective and Casa Mañana, even to the old Mexican plum in the foreground.

Grassy lawns and flowerbeds are not at all important to Mexican gardens. Their essential horticultural material consists of trees and shrubs, vines to glorify the walls, and potted plants to lend color in spots where plants in beds would not flourish. Instead of grass, which would burn in the hot sun, the Mexicans, like the Spanish, use ground covers of myrtle and ivy. But in this garden, the American element of a grassy lawn has been successfully imported probably due to abundant shade, constant watering, and an equable semi-tropical climate. I noticed one charming ground cover near the foot of the steps to the mirador which I wish I could identify. Its Mexican name is La Grima de la Novia, Tears of the

Bride. Its tiny specks of bloom reminded me of gypsophila. Flowers in pots appear everywhere. They are particularly effective in the first patio where the dining terrace is the main feature and include everything from fuchsias and mariposa lilies to a yucca poking out from pots around the entrance passageway.

Flowers in beds appear at each side of the sixteen steps down from the swimming pool to the lower patios. When the picture was taken late in January, petunias, sweet William, white myrtle, tree roses, and pink and white geraniums made a gay array of bloom. Tuberoses and moonflowers lent en chantment to the evening hours. Not far from the foot of the steps was the shrub Cestrum nocturnum which the Mexicans call Huela de Noche (Sweet Smell in the Night), and one with golden berries, Duranta repens, called by the Mexicans, Bolas de Ora (Bowls of Gold), and specimens of polygonum (Persicana Orientalis) called Turkeys' Comb because of their rose red flowers.

I have never seen oleanders grow(Continued on page 78)


The exterior of Casa Mañana was remodeled from several little whitewashed adobe houses along the street in Cuernavaca, Mexico. A Spanish mirador was built above the farther bedroom wing


View from the mirador toward the west, showing in the foreground the roof of the dining terrace, then the slopes of the clustered, red tiled roofs of the town and the distant Sierra Madre mountains


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## ROCKY MOUNTAINS

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The home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Bromfield, Jr., takes full advantage of an extensive and dramatic view. The picture above shows the living room end of the house and the secluded sun deck


1. Entrance Hall
2. Breakfast Room
3. Powder Room
4. Lavatory
5. Coat Room
6. Living Room
7. Terrace
8. Dining Room
9. Pantry
10. Kitchen
11. Laundry
12. Service Stairs
13. Garage
14. Yard
15. Storage
16. Bath
17. Bed Room
18. Closet
19. Closet
20. Bath
21. Deck
22. Bed Room
23. Bath
24. Sitting Room
25. Deck
26. Service
27. Maid's Room
28. Maid's Room

## INSIDE THE PLANT WINDOW

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pan. Finally there are available water mats which supply constant moisture.

The third factor necessary for success with house plants is proper soil. A standard mixture, suitable for the general run, consists of $1 / 2$ garden loam, $1 / 4$ peatmoss, and $1 / \pm$ clean, sharp sand. If you make up a bushel of this, add 2 quarts of commercial cow manure and 1 quart of bone flour. Cacti and succulents require a gritty soil, so for them you add to the standard mixture $25 \%$ in bulk of sharp sand or crushed flower pot crocks and omit the cow manure, substituting ground limestone. Most ferns, some begonias and several of the ericaceous plants require a fibrous soil and for them add to the standard mixture $25 \%$ in bulk of peatmoss or leafmold. For an acid mixture, required by azaleas, add $25 \%$ in bulk of peat moss but do not use the lime flour. Extra feeding is supplied by manure
water, which is fussy indoors, or one of the standard house plant fertilizers.

Now we are ready to consider some of the plants themselves.

## hardy bulbs

Since by this time of the year the hardy bulbs, planted in the Fall, are rooting, we need only note how long they need to be stored. Crocuses root in eight weeks and flower in three to four after being brought indoors. Grape hyacinths need six weeks to root properly and so do Roman hyacinths. Single tulips require all of twelve weeks. Lily-of-the-valley, on the other hand, raised from cold storage pips require only two weeks in the dark, two more to bloom.

## Care of plants

African violets, Saintpaulia, need (Continued on page 86)

## ORCHIDS FOR YOU

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let. Many of the primary and secondary hybrids are inexpensive; Harrisianum, Leeanum, nitens, Ashburtoniae, Calypso, Crossianum and many others are very individual and charming.

## PANSY orchids

The Miltonias, or "pansy orchids," never fail to evoke cries of admiration at the Flower Shows, and are of easy culture and very free-flowering. A plant in a three-inch pot will throw from five to twenty-five blossoms and last for weeks. They flower during the Spring, but some varieties will bloom again in January and February also. The species, with the exception of vexillaria, a beautiful rosypink, has been largely replaced by hybrids like M. Bleuana, white, neatly marked with purple and gold; Charles worthii, a lovely rose-mauve marked with maroon, St. André and many other showy hybrids which are cheap and generally very plentiful.

They are of the epiphytic type and will grow like weeds in straight brown fiber with a sprinkling of crock-dust.

## oncidiums

Oncidiums are much admired by travellers to Mexico and Tropical America where they are seen growing out-ofdoors. The genus embraces a great many varieties, but for the Intermediate House the most suitable are: $O$. varicosum, Rogersii, O. ampliatum and $O$. splendidum, which bring immediately to mind a cloud of brilliant yellow butterflies; $O$. papilio, a remarkably exotic and odd example, and $O$. ornithorynchum of a delicate lilac shade.

Finely chopped fiber is what they like best, and they particularly should never be over-potted. They require more light and air than most orchids, and so are happy hanging on wires from the cross-beams where they are seen to great advantage as well as taking up no room on the benches, a valuable consideration for the amateur with a small house.

## epidendrums

Epidendrums are seldom seen outside private collections and it is a great pity, for they grow like weeds, flower freely, and are most charming and very colorful. $E$. radicans and its hybrid $E$. O'Brieniana will practically flower the year round. Buds and blossoms keep springing like magic from the top of each panicle. The first is a brilliant orange-red, the second a bright crimson. E. ciliare has strange spider-like white and green flowers, which excite much comment from visiting friends. E. vitellinum bears sprays of beautifully formed Chinese-red blossoms and will remain in flower almost the entire summer. This is one of the most exquisite of the smaller orchids and never fails to enchant everyone who sees it.

## the greenhouse

To the person who loves flowers and gardening, there is nothing so satisfying as puttering about with orchids in a glass house when the outside world is wrapped in ice and snow.

Even the smallest greenhouses as well as expensive types will grow or-
chids. Anyone who is handy can put up a small glass house at a trifling expense, and a division for two conditions of temperature can be effected by cheesecloth nailed to narrow board strips. Probably the one most serious error amateurs make with orchids is overwatering; they drown them. In the warm, dry weather, one probably could not spray their orchids overhead too much (provided the spray is very fine and does not run down into the crowns of the leaves, but dries where it falls) but at all seasons they can easily water the pots too much. Orchids want a liberal supply of water during the growing season but they don't like standing in wet compost. In Winter, water is best given in the morning so that the surplus will dry off by night, and if some one will tend to the ventilation and see that the fire doesn't go out, the amateur can take a week's vacation and his plants will welcome him home not much the worse for wear. This would not be safe with any other genus of plants.

Another cheering thought for the amateur who approaches orchids with awe is that the commercial growers all have different methods and yet their plants all live and blossom. Methods of watering, ventilating, benching, heating, and culture are sometimes diametrically opposed, and where the experts disagree, the amateur often steps in and grows and flowers his one plant better than they do their houseful.

## Shade and humidity

Growing in the shade of trees and often in the deep jungles, few orchids can stand direct exposure to the sun. From March to October, they need some shading. A good shade is made of turpentine and white lead; it stands well and is easily removed. Cheesecloth stretched a few inches from the glass in the interior is satisfactory. Outside roller blinds are the best, but they are expensive, and the cheaper methods are widely and successfully used. Orchids will thrive in a house with a northern exposure and this is hardly to be recommended for other types of plants.

A good hygrometer, a simple and inexpensive device which records both temperature and moisture, is a great safeguard against excessive changes in the humidity. Orchids want a good moist atmosphere at all times and when overabundant, it can be reduced by fire-heat and ventilation, and when insufficient, by wetting down the path and benches. In well-regulated houses, the humidity should be kept as near $70^{\circ}$ to $75^{\circ}$ through the day, or $80^{\circ}$ to $85^{\circ}$ with free ventilation, and $80^{\circ}$ at night. A rainbarrel will do wonders, for orchids do not like the chemicals used to purify city water. The town dweller, however, need not think that he cannot succeed with orchids, for the sooty atmosphere of cities, so detrimental to most plants, actually acts as a fertilizer.

Air must be given at all times possible. In Summer, the house should have air day and night. This keeps the moisture active and reduces the density of moisture when it is excessive in damp weather, and during the night.

These are only common sense rules, (Continued on page 84)

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window, a combination sewing-reading-writing table copied from a fine medieval design. A tiny swinging bookshelf on the wall over it to display a few favorite books.

For the young couple just starting out, the possibilities are even greater, for of course there are many more holes to fill. A dropleaf table, an extra-long coffee table, a three-tiered table, a desk of any size, shape or variety are all welcome additions to the living room. Add a loveseat, a comfortable upholstered chair, a pair of straightbacked chairs.

Many young people start with no dining room furniture at all-here's an opportunity for Mother and Father and Aunt Caroline to win gratitude for life and give a suite at once. (Or at least start them on one.) Young people, too, frequently furnish their guest room piece by piece, and a Christmas gift for this room is received with open arms; a bedside table, a combination desk-and-powder table, a matching upholstered chair and hassock that may sometimes serve as a comfortable chaise tongue.

For the bachelor, the working girl, the young man of the house, the daughter away at college, furniture is the perfect contribution. Many a bachelor's apartment is badly in need of a pair of good end tables or another comfortable chair-but he just can't seem to get around to buying it! Many a college room calls for a tea-table, or a bookshelf for that stack of books piled up in the closet, but somehow allowances, no matter how generous, never stretch that far. A boy will be thrilled to have his room transformed from a bedroom into a sitting room by replacing the bed with a new studio couch, just as comfortable and much more presentable. And the daughter of the house will be filled with delight over her first dressing table of light rubbed maple, frothy with crisp fabric.

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## CASA MAÑANA



Above: From the end of the swimming pool is a lofty royal palm silhouetted against the sky

Below: An outdoor Mexican kitchen, complete with cement sink, stove and native pottery


Against the wall at the end of the secret garden is a red-tiled pavilion with a colored mural by René d'Harnoncourt. It shows the town of Cuernavaca in naïve perspective and Casa Mañana

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ing more luxuriantly than here. Many kinds are represented: yellow, pink, white, and the star oleander. There is a pink one near the steps to the mirador beside a lime and coffee tree. It is bright with red berries in midwinter. The many other fruit trees-sweet lemon, guava, cherimoya or custard apple, citron and mandarin, add their quota of luxuriant color and scent. An evergreen variety of Asiatic fig, Ficus retusa (called laurel throughout Mexico), is planted here, more for the shade cast by its dense crown of dark glossy leaves than for its fruit. In the recess of the arches below the stairs to the mirador, you'can see a showy tropical climbing plant that bears fruit somewhat like a pineapple. It is the piñanona, one of the bromeliads. Banana trees are everywhere in evidence. The shadow of one of them as it falls across the steps up to the swimming pool is almost more picturesque than the tree itself.

It was for shade that the Mexicans set out their great trees in the patios where they spent so much time, and trees remain the crowning glory of Mexican gardens. The atmosphere of ageless security, peace and dignity that
they create is the more significant in the Morrow garden because the trees are seen a few at a time, in separate units of planting and on different levels. From under the arch at the end of the third patio, for instance, you see towering far above you a royal palm in some neighboring patio on a higher level. Looking down, you see the tops of banana, rubber, laurel and cherimoya trees in the fourth patio of Casa Mañana.

The architectural background of walls sets off the trees to as much advantage as a closely clipped lawn on which the shadows make their lovely patterns. In the sixth patio, you can stand off and appreciate the gray bark of the guamachil tree (Pithecellobium dulce) native to this state of Morelos. Then, as the sun illuminates the delicate willow-green leaves and dense white flower-spikes, the effect is unsurpassed. The giant ferns below the guamachil and the pierced balustrade behind it give it scale and setting. This kind of balustrade allows air to circulate through the apertures. A francesilla vine with blue flowers, Thunbergia grandiflora, helps cover the plain part (Continued on page 87)

## DARKROOM SOLUTIONS

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placed, is preferable. The trough will act as a spillway and insure cleanliness. This type of sink is shown in the darkroom plan on page 46. It should be equipped with at least two swinging (mixing type) hot and cold water fau cets. The bottom of the sink should slope toward one or two drains. A wood en rack made of beveled slats in two or more sections, depending on the size of the sink, should be provided to rest on the bottom of the sink.

An alternative sink is one made of lead lining. Lead has the advantage of not reacting with any photographic solutions, it is easily repaired, and inexpensively made. Lead lined sinks should not be soldered but "lead burned".

## ventilation and illumination

A constant supply of fresh air, freely circulating, must be available. The air entering the laboratory should be filtered and the air current deflected.

Suggestions are offered in the drawings on page 46 for details of construction which will insure free air circulation in the photographic laboratory. One of the most efficient devices available for ventilating a photographic laboratory at low cost is the Eastman darkroom ventilator which quietly delivers 35 cubic feet of fresh air per minute while trapping the light. Ventilators must always be provided with efficient light traps to be of value.

Ordinary white light is provided by a centrally located ceiling fixture of suitable wattage, depending on the size of the laboratory. Daylight type bulbs are preferred for greater ease of judging print quality. For safelight illumination, which should be as bright as possible, the best type is the indirect light suspended from the ceiling provided with a small rheostat or transformer to change the intensity of light to suit the arious materials in use. The central white light should be controlled by means of a pull chain switch easily reached from all parts of the room. Additional white lights will be required at strategic points, one over the sink and washing tray, another near the weighing scale. In addition to the safelight suspended from the ceiling, similar local safelights may be needed near the enlarger and another near or over the developing tray.

It is a wise investment to provide a multitude of electric outlets all around
he laboratory. A continuous line capa ble of carrying a total of 15 ampères, running just some six or nine inches above the work bench with twin outlets eighteen or twenty-four inches apart will provide convenient current facilities for enlarger, printing boxes, viewing lights, local safelight, and any other electric accessories. This line of outlets should be substantially and securely wired in a manner approved by local authorities. It should be controlled by a single master switch to permit its complete disconnection upon leaving the photographic laboratory.

## Electric clock and flooring

A large face electric clock with a long sweeping second hand should be installed on the wall on a separate circuit to prevent its interruption. Its location should be governed by its visibility from most points of the room, particularly from where the enlarger or printer is operated. Placed on the wall to the right of the enlarger as shown in the darkroom plan on page 47 , the photographer can easily refer to the second hand without turning around or counting minutes by the metronome.

Wood flooring is not recommended as it stains easily. It is hard to clean. The smooth cement finish, given several coats of special tough floor paint, will be most serviceable. If possible, scoring in cement finish should be omitted. Instead of painting the cement finish, a cemented battleship linoleum flooring thoroughly waxed will be found an excellent and serviceable work floor, which can be had in any color to fit in with the color scheme of the laboratory. An alternate flooring can be secured in the form of properly cemented asphalt tile. Any of these floors can be easily cleaned by mopping and are resistent to water and stains by photographic solutions.

## work bench and shelving

All horizontal work shelves are provided of wood or metal under the work bench, the height of which should be thirty to thirty-three inches from floor level. This level, incidentally, is also recommended for the height of the sink. It has been found that this is the most practical height for working either standing up or sitting down. The top of the work benches, which extend from the end of the sink or tray trough,
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## A KITCHEN IN THE GRAND MANNER

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dirt-catching space between the sink and adjoining equipment. The old objection that enclosed sinks were hard to keep clean has been overcome by modern plumbing and the use of new materials for the sinks and tops.

For the traditional kitchen with separate pieces of equipment, a freestanding sink, open below, is most suitable. Such sinks are available in both stainless metals and porcelain enamel on cast iron, with one or two compartments and good wide drainboards. If a double compartment sink is to be used in place of a scullery sink, one compartment must be very large in order to accommodate all the kettles and roasters.

Built-in cabinets, of wood or steel, for a large kitchen should be selected for their sturdy construction, finish and hardware. Fancy styling and tricky gadgets are of no advantage in a heavy-duty kitchen. The size of the cabinet door openings must be large enough to take big pots and pans. For this reason double doors which close on each other without a center rail are by far the most desirable.

The use of just one material for the entire continuous work-top gives an attractive and uniform appearance to a kitchen, but it is usually impractical because most cooks prefer different materials for different kinds of cooking. The marble slab for pastry making and a wood section for chopping and slicing can usually be included without detracting from the appearance or utility of the continuous work-top in the kitchen.

Between the kitchen and pantry there should be direct and easy access so that hot foods, arranged on platters and dishes, may be quickly served. A pass-door at work-top height in the wall between the kitchen and pantry is a great convenience in linking the cooking and serving facilities. Salads, desserts and other foods which are served directly to the table, are usually kept
in the pantry refrigerator. An electric plate-warmer about three feet wide, installed under the pantry work-top, is adequate for the service of thirty at dinner. These warmers are thermostatically controlled so there is no danger of fine china being cracked or checked by over-heating.

Pantry wall cabinets for the storage of china should be at least fourteen inches deep inside to hold the largest service plates. Special base cabinets for silver storage have velvet lined drawers with adjustable compartments and sliding trays for flat silver, and deep drawers for large silver pieces. All drawers are fitted with a master lock. Small linen cloths and napkins of all sizes can be stored flat in shallow drawers, but large dinner-cloths should be hung over rods in a tall cabinet to keep them from being creased and folded.

Large trays and serving platters which are cumbersome to handle in an ordinary cabinet may be conveniently "filed" in a special base cabinet with vertical pigeon-holes. All table decorations, candles and favors should be kept together in one cabinet.

Since the pantry sink is used to wash all china, glass and silver, it should be carefully chosen for this particular purpose. The familiar double sink with S-shaped partition and standing drains probably gives the greatest protection to the dishes. Electric dishwashers are also being used successfully in many new pantries. The material used for pantry work-tops should be resilient to reduce the clatter of dishes and prevent breakage. For this reason linoleum is widely used and the work-tops of stainless metals are also popular because they can be effectively sound deadened. As a final touch in planning the large kitchen, double doors between the pantry and dining room will form a sound "lock" which provides the ultimate in silent service for those who are dining.

## THE GARDENER'S NOTEBOOK

Taking Stock. About this time of year good gardeners take stock of last year's work. As they look over their garden records and tabulate the successes and failures and some of the obvious reasons for them, they can begin to calculate to what extent they were successful. In business, if $50 \%$ of the projects undertaken prove successful the manager can expect a raise, if $60 \%$ he is hailed as a positive genius. Was your gardening $50 \%$ successful last year? To what extent can you trace the failures to weather and acts of God, plant diseases and pests or just to your own ignorance, neglect or laziness?

Seed Germination. In the succeeding paragraphs are records of some of the seed germination in 1938 on my place: each packet of seed was allotted a card on which the common and botanical names of the plant were written, data on cultivation, habitat, color, etc., and any other interesting bits that could be found. The Spring planting was preceded by making over 200 of these
cards. The iris species seed was frozen for a month in the local butcher's icebox and both seed and soil were sterilized before planting. All were sown in an ordinary cold frame, without heat and only sash covering. Of the seventytwo kinds sown, thirty-eight are well on their way (a little over $50 \%$ !) and the others will remain in the flats for pos. sible germination next Spring. Some of them are notorious laggards.

Iris Species. The following were sown April 17, showed above ground about June 4 , and were large enough to transplant to a seedling bed on the 29th of July: Iris bracteata, chrysographes, Delavayi, desertorum, dichotoma, pumila hybrids, ensata, Forresti, halophila, hexagona, Japonica, longipetala, macrosiphon, Mandshurica, monnieri, Mongolica, orientalis, pseudacorus, Purdyi, ruthenica, Sintenisi, sogdiana, spuria, tectorum, tenax, tripelata, versicolor, Virginica, Wilsoni. These took fortynine days to appear.
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1. Chrysophylla, inominata, and pallida required seventy days to appear, breaking through the ground on June 25th.
2. aurea, hybrida intermedia, Kaempferi, laevigata, ochraurea and Shelford's Giant, sown April 23rd, appeared from June 20th to 25th, two months later. There were others that germinated on which such exact notes were not kept. Most of these flowers, planted finally in the locations and soils they require, should bloom this year.

Alliums and Others. Seven kinds of Allium seeds were sown on April 17th: Azureum, flavum major, Japonicum, Moly, moschatum, adoratum and oreaphilum, all of these except Molywhich stubbornly refused to appearwere transplanted for the first time on June 11th and found their permanent place on July 30th. They also will flower this year. They germinated in approximately forty-nine days.

The Aconites selected to try were A. ferox, napellus carneus, vulparia and Wilsoni, which were big enough to transplant in seventy days from sowing. Five kinds of pinks were tried-Dianthus caesius, fragrans, pancici, serotinus and viscidus parnassus. They were ready for transplanting on the 10th of June, fifty-five days from seed. During August most of them were set in their permanent places. Fragrans flowered and Viscidus Parnassus on August 26th.

The two Houstonias, coerulea and purpurea had well-developed rosettes by the middle of June and purpurea flowered on October 6th-173 days from seed. Both should make sturdy flowering colonies when Spring opens.

That weekend of April 17th saw a prodigious seed-sowing. Eight kinds of Lychnis-there were others of which plants were lost in flood rains-showed above ground in a surprisingly short time. L. dioica, a notorious weed, germinated in sixteen days, flowered on the seventy-second day and went to the compost heap on the seventy-third. Oth-
ers of these Campious were worth keeping. L. chalcedonica salmonea bloomed in ninety-two days from seed.

The erigerons, of which four kinds were tried, had reached ample transplanting size in seventy days from seed. Five kinds of asphodeline in seventytwo, eight kinds of geraniums in the same period, with some of them blooming in mid-August after being sown in mid-April. Of the seven delphinium types, D. fragrans, Yunnanese and tatsiene were transplanted in forty-nine days from seed and bloomed on August 7th-113 days from seed. D. macrocentron, hesperium, Hanseni and vestitum took a little longer to germinate-seventy days.

Finally came six curiosities-at least I had never grown them seriously -Anthemis Sancta Johannis, one of the best, took three weeks to reach transplanting size and found its permanent home a month later. This has a tender crown and requires well-drained soil. Alyssum condensatum hesitated until the fifty-fifth day from seed, when it was given refuge in pots. Isatis glauca, a husky fellow for the wild garden, was ready for its permanent home in fortyfive days from seed. Nicotiana glauca, sown on April 17th, was transplanted on May 14th-under three weeks and was given a spot, where it grew to prodigious height, three weeks later. The tradescantias acted queerly, but in seventy days from seed they were big enough to set out and on October 15th, almost six months from the date of seed-sowing, they burst into flower and very lovely flowers they were.

Of the Russell lupines, the least said the better. One hundred seeds (and I nearly cut off the tip of my thumb clipping them), gave seventy-five plants By September lst only three remained alive. Other gardeners had approximately the same experience. In Wisconsin and Maine they probably succeeded, but on the middle Atlantic seaboard and inland therefrom they were a headache.

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## ORCHIDS FOR YOU

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INSIDE THE PLANT WINDOW
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One of the sturdiest house plants is the well-known Norfolk Island Pine, araucaria
bottom watering and a shady spot in the window.

Aspidistra is the only child in the family that can be neglected.

Azaleas, usually coming as presents, should be kept moist by bottom watering and watched for red spider which yellows the leaves. Wash off by a strong spray. Put plants outdoors in Summer.

Begonias want an occasional spraying and will stand some shade.

Caladiums, grown for foliage, need repotting from time to time but are happiest when just this side of being pot bound. Thrive without direct sun.

Coleus are home for mealy bugs and a dose of nicotine solution should be given. Water twice a week.

Crotons, also grown for foliage need plenty of heat and humidity. Water the pots in a shallow pan.

Dracaenas, again grown for foliage have to be watched for scale, mealy bugs and red spider. For the first, spray with kerosene emulsion and dab the second with alcohol.

Dieffenbachia wants warmth, damp ness and an occasional dose of liquid manure to encourage growth.

Flowering maple or abutilon must have plenty of fresh air. Keep bushy by repeated pruning of new shoots.

Gardenias need careful bottom watering and a daily spraying of foliage Watch for mealy bug and red spider.

Geraniums want sun and a daily spraying. Cut plants back in May and repot. Keep long shoots pruned.

Hydrangeas call for sun and daily watering with manure water once a week before flowering. The plants, which rest from September in a cellar, can be brought up in January.

Daphne odora can be grown in a cool room if not allowed to dry out.

Jerusalem cherry will surely die if there's a trace of coal gas in the house Give it a cool place, spray foliage often.

Lantanas take a cool room, plenty of sun and moisture.

Norfolk Island pine asks for sun, air and moderate watering with manure water once a month. This is a number one house plant.

Palms need some light. They grow
best when pot bound.
Pandanus takes care of itself except for attacks of red spider.

Peperomia requires daily watering.
Poinsettias need water only when soil is dry. They want sun and a temperature of $70^{\circ}$. Too much sun or a chill causes leaves to fall.

Primroses require bottom watering, partial shade and a cool, moist atmosphere. Never let the plants dry out.

Rubber plants ask water three times a week to be kept pot bound. Wash their leaves once a month and feed every two weeks with manure water. They do not demand direct sun.

Sansevieria will grow where all others fail, needs no special treatment.

Spireas thrive in a sunny window with a generous wetting each day.

Star Jasmine needs less sun in Winter than in Summer and it should not be watered too much.

## rules for cactus

(1) Furnish adequate drainage by crocks, because no cactus tolerates standing water at its roots.
(2) When in doubt, don't water.
(3) Increase water when new growth shows at top.
(4) In cold weather use warm water lest plant be chilled.
(5) No plants to be watered over he top, as this induces rot.
(6) Don't sprinkle in sunshine, for drops of water make burning glasses that produce sores for entry of harmful rusts and fungi.
(7) In repotting, never use old soil.
(8) Repot once a year just as growth begins.
(9) A soil for cacti-except those from the most arid regions-is good garden loam to which lime is added. Rapidly growing cacti require peat and leafmold. A dependable potting mixture for most cacti and succulents consists of 2 parts sharp sand, 2 parts loam, 1 part crushed crocks (broken pots), 1/2 part leafmold, 1 quart flower pot of bone meal to each bushel of the mixture, and 1 quart of ground limestone to each bushel.

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## CASA MAÑANA

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of the wall near the tool house, and a jacaranda tree serves as the other feature of this patio. Its bloom reminds one of the wistaria.

In the seventh patio, oleanders, sweet lemon, two eucalyptus trees and a native morning glory tree (Inomoca arborescens) flower. It is the finishing touch in the house that seems like a

Below: Entrance to the secret garden is through a narrow


The swimming pool, bordered with blue and white tiles, is the main interest in the third patio


An outdoor stairway to the mirador, enriched with iron balustrade and arches below, fills the end of the second patio. To the left is the arcaded portico shading the bedrooms with bougainvillea


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## DARKROOM SOLUTIONS

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should be covered with battleship lino leum firmly cemented and sealed. This makes an ideal working surface. After receiving two good coats of wax it becomes impervious to water and photographic solutions, is easily cleaned and maintained. Aluminum or stainless steel edging or nosing should be provided for the edge of the work bench, not only for the sake of appearance but to render it waterproof and to make it visible in dim lights.

Under the work bench, sink and trough, adequate shelves should be provided of kiln-dried l" stock. Under the sink, part of the shelves should be built in the form of vertical racks to keep developing trays out of the way. Open shelving and compartments under the work bench are provided for storage of bottles, jars, developing tanks, and other bulky paraphernalia.

## LIGHT-PROOF DRAWERS

In a location handy and convenient for the enlarger, a light-proof drawer should be built-in containing separators for photographic papers in various sizes, grades and surfaces. This drawer should have a snap-lock to prevent accidental exposure to light. All shelving, racks, etc., should receive a flat paint finish of any color. It is recommended that all edges be painted white or aluminum to be visible in dim light.

Above the work bench, double tier shelves should be provided at arm's length for additional accessories, for glassware, small bottles, jars, etc.

## painting and doors

Assuming that the photographic laboratory has been made absolutely light proof, the color of the walls is a matter of taste. A strip some nine or twelve inches high above the work bench should receive a special water and acid proof coating of paint. A material known as Kodapaint provides a quick drying paint for that purpose. Where an additional expense is of no great importance, this backing can be provided by a molded rubber cove-base which can be made to abut the linoleum top flush and almost seamlessly. The ceiling of the laboratory should be flat white to act as a reflector for the indirect illumination recommended. The walls can be either flat white or any
other soft color. The best paint for photographic walls is panchromatic green, a most pleasing color containing pig. ments which reflect the maximum light emitted by panchromatic safelights. This paint is manufactured by the Eastman Kodak Company.

An ordinary hinge door made light proof, or a gravity sliding door, will be found quite satisfactory. Plan on page 46 shows a novel treatment of a photographic entry in the form of a revolving door so constructed that entrance and exit are possible without admitting light, if it is not wanted.

## storace facilities

One of the most desirable things for a photographic laboratory almost regardless of its size is a Hoosier kitchen cabinet. It provides an ideal dust proof, safe keeping, storage space for dry and liquid chemicals, photo sensitive materials, laboratory index boxes and much photographic equipment. It protects them from moisture, dust and frequently from the eyes and hands of the curious. It provides an ideal place for weighing scales and a working place for measuring and weighing chemicals. It will be found indispensable and it will accommodate so many things efficiently that it will save almost double the space it occupies.

## general suggestions

The difference between plans for a photographic laboratory for a new or existing house is essentially not very great. However it is suggested that the laboratory be kept comparatively compact and small. The smaller you keep it, the easier it will be for you to reach for things needed while at work. A comfortably backed stool on rubber-tired casters will be found an efficient means of transportation without the necessity of getting up frequently.

Cleanliness and orderliness are easily maintained in a laboratory wellorganized from the beginning. If there be a place for everything and everything in its place, it will easily be found in the dark. To keep your hands clean while at work is most important. Provide paper towel racks at many points, or towel holders with clean towels clipped onto them. Such towel holders can be easily secured from any bartenders' supply house.

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"Streamlined" or "Plush-lined," the spirit of Christmas remains unchanged


Is Christmas a bore or isn't it? I suppose the answer is, some of us think it is, and some of us don't. Personally, I adore it. I begin thinking about it weeks ahead of time. I love making presents, and I get a thrill out of receiving anything in the way of a package wrapped up in paper-except the laundry. The fragrance of a real Christmas tree, and its glittering ornaments, send little ripples of pleasure up and down my back. I can't resist holly wreaths, and I like them tied with big bright red satin bows.

I wish indirect lighting hadn't come into my life, because now we have no tinkling crystal chandelier from which to hang the mistletoe. I don't like to know what my presents are going to be, and I wouldn't dream of opening them before Christmas. I like to have a great big Christmas dinner at home, and I rather like to cook it myself. I've tried to like Christmas trees, small, all blue and mysterious, or all gold and opulent, or all white and silver and æsthetic, but secretly I agree with children. A tree should reach the ceiling and be covered with everything under the sun from frosted balloons hung in nets of silver to pink wax cupids with spun glass wings in golden chariots drawn by silver reindeers.

I suppose good old-fashioned Christmases are a thing of the past, but it would be fun to try and have one, wouldn't it? By the way, when did Old-Fashioned Christmases begin to be old-fashioned? Probably my grandmother heard her grandmother talk about how wonderful Old-Fashioned Christmases used to be in her day, which makes it all very puzzling. Anyway, my Christmas this year is going to be the way I imagine a Christmas might have been in my grandmother's day, somewhere between 1840 and 1880. I can see her, weeks ahead of time, with Godey's Lady's Book by her side,
making presents for everybody, ranging from red mittens for the grocer boy to wax flowers for dear Cousin Arabella. A lace tidy for grandfather's chair and a surprise for the entire family Christmas morning. Guess what? You can't guess? You give up? All right, I'll tell. The surprise was an intricate, three-tiered whirligig wooden what-not covered with red felt, on the breakfast table. Around the bottom shelf were a series of pockets, plush-lined, embroidered with black and gold silk in "point russe", gayly ornamented with strips of white cloth; the whole edged with pleated ruching of red braid. What were the pockets for? For eggs, of course, to keep them warm. The next shelf held a row of tiny egg cups-the third shelf had holes cut in it to hold the spoons and on the very tiptop -a small salt cellar and pepper box. What a lovely surprise it was!

Well, to get back to my Christmas. The Christmas tree will be "tall and dark and handsome". First, we will tack a big square of green baize securely to the floor. The tree will be firmly planted in a large stone jar, filled with wet sand and covered with real moss. The stone jar will be covered with a green chintz flounce. The tree will be trimmed with long strings of bright red holly berries or cranberries, threaded like beads. There will be festoons of pop-corn and dozens of homemade cornucopias made of shiny paper, filled with nuts and decorated with paper cutouts. There will be little lace bags, filled with shiny red striped peppermints, hung temptingly here and there. Then, all the angels, balloons, icicles, Christmas balls and ribbons the tree will hold, to say nothing of bouquets of artificial paper flowers, tin horns, gilded nuts, star shaped cookies and gingerbread Santa Clauses and pop-corn balls. And even if we have to

call out the fire department in advance, we're going to have real candles. Grandmother probably dipped the wicks in alcohol so that they would light easily, but I suppose that would be too dangerous. What's more, this tree is not going to be taken down the day after Christmas. It is going to stay up until Twelfth-night, no longer-no less.

Now for the Christmas dinner. The table will be covered first with a heavy felt pad, then our very best spotless white damask tablecloth will be laid tenderly over it. It's hard to decide whether to use the one with the Lord's Supper design or the one with the reindeers. The silver will be gleaming, and we will use our candlesticks with the pierced silver shades lined with pink fringed silk.

To go on to the menu-we will start with oyster pie. Maybe your grandmother would have had goose, but mine had turkey-so turkey it shall be. The breast, and only the breast, will be filled with bread stuffing. There will be a stiff cranberry jelly in a fancy shape, and at least six different home-made jellies in a gay array around the center of the table. There'll be crisp celery in glass boats, of course. The napkins will be folded intricately (see p. 52) and in their folds will be concealed large squares of bread. We will have pearly white onions with cream sauce, mashed potatoes and mashed squash with plenty of pepper. The salad we will skip entirely. And now the big question is,
shall we have a blazing plum-pudding or shall it be mince pie? And if we have plum-pudding, shall we have a hard sauce or a lemon sauce? Please decide it for me.

We will invite all the unattached friends we know, who would otherwise have to dine out for their turkey dinner, and we will have a present for each and everyone of them. They may be a bit surprised when they find that their alluring package contains a felt penwiper or a beautiful calendar or a magnificent blotter, but when they realize they were made with loving hands, I'm sure they won't be at all disappointed.

After dinner, if I'm any good as a hostess, we will all play old-fashioned games-Hunt the Thimble, Forfeits, the Gentle Gentleman, Hissing and Clapping, etc. After all this, the children will be tucked into bed. We won't do the dishes; instead the men will have a Madeira-tasting party and maybe, although it wouldn't be true to form, we ladies might join them. Who knows?

## Oyster Pie

Make your own favorite pie paste or use puff paste-or my recipe, if you prefer. Line a pie dish with it. Fill it with very dry crusts of bread and cover it with more paste. Trim carefully with a sharp knife, but don't press the edges together. Bake in a moderately hot oven until a golden brown. Lift off the top crust carefully. Remove the dried bread and fill the crust with oysters prepared in the following manner:

Stew the oysters in cream very slowly until the edges curl, add a big lump of butter, salt and freshly ground pepper. Stir into them very quickly while still on the fire, two whole eggs well-beaten, and one tablespoon of cracker crumbs. Pour into the pie shell. Put the top crust back on and serve at once. Individual pies may be made instead, if you prefer to have them.

## My Crust

This crust is very good, but very tender and breaks easily. It should be made the night before the party. Sift two and two-thirds cups of pastry flour with one level teaspoon of granulated sugar and one of salt. Work into this, with the finger tips, one cup of sweet butter (one-half pound). Bind together with two whole eggs beaten slightly. Form into a ball. Wrap in waxed paper and place in refrigerator to chill thoroughly. Roll out in the usual manner when ready to use.

## Roast Turkey

First make the stuffing. Prepare four cups of freshly grated bread crumbs. Add a little finely
chopped celery and one tablespoon of chopped parsley. Sprinkle with salt and freshly ground pepper and one or two teaspoons of whole sweet marjoram. Melt one-half cup of butter. Sprinkle it over the bread crumbs. Mix lightly with a big fork.

Clean, singe, wash and dry the turkey in the usual way. Split the back part of the skin of the neck and cut off the neck, close to the body. Rub the inside of the bird well with salt and pepper. Stuff the breast of the turkey and fold the skin of the neck back over it securely and sew or skewer it down carefully. Dip the gizzards and liver in the beaten yolk of an egg, sprinkle with salt and cayenne and tuck them under each wing of the bird. Truss the bird correctly with soft twine. Put a big lump of butter in a roasting pan, lay the bird on the butter, dust it lightly all over with flour to which you have added a little salt and pepper. Lay a few paper thin slices of salt pork over the breast and put it into a hot oven for about half an hour or until well-browned, then reduce the heat and continue roasting fifteen minutes to the pound, basting frequently with melted butter. When done, place on hot platter. Add a little boiling water to the pan. Stir until the nice brown part has melted to form a clear gravy. Skim off some of the fat and serve with the turkey.

## Boiled Onions

Peel as many little white onions as you think you will need. Soak them one hour in cold water. Drain them and pour boiling water over them. Boil them fifteen minutes, pour off the water. Add more boiling water, a little salt and boil them until tender, but don't let them lose their shape. Drain them well and serve them covered with a cream sauce, or if you prefer, add a large lump of butter, a little freshly ground pepper and a little thick hot cream.

## Cranberry Jelly

Wash one quart of dark red cranberries in cold water, drain them. Put them in a porcelain pan, add a few drops of water, bring them very gently to a boil and cook them until every berry bursts. Strain through a colander until all the pulp goes through. Add two cups of sugar, boil half an hour stirring frequently. Wet a mold with ice water, pour in the jelly, and when cool place in refrigerator until ready to serve. Turn out.

## Mince Pie

There are so many good brands of mincemeat on the market that unless you have already made some, I would certainly not bother to make it. For the pie crust: Wash three-quarters of a cup of butter in cold water, kneading it until it is the
consistency of putty. Put it into a clean cloth and squeeze it to extract any water there may be in it. Sift together one and one-half cups of flour with one-half teaspoon of salt. Mix the butter into the flour with cold finger tips. Moisten with as little warm water as possible. Form into a ball, put in heavy waxed paper, place in refrigerator two or three hours before using. Roll out in the usual manner. Line a pie tin, fill it with one and one-half inches of mincemeat. Cover with more paste. Crimp the edges, prick with a fork. Place in hot oven ten minutes, then reduce heat and bake slowly for about one hour and a quarter. Makes one small pie.

## Plum Pudding

Don't wear yourself out making plum pudding because there are wonderful ones avail-able-all cooked ready to be heated. However, if you insist upon being so very domestic, the following recipe will produce a pudding which will have the advantage of being not too rich.

For a great big enormous pudding, prepare one-half pound of fresh beef kidney suet by pulling it apart, removing all the bits of stringy substance, thin membrane, etc. Then chop it fine in a big wooden bowl. There should be two cups of it. Next grate the inside of a loaf of dry stale white bread, until you have six cups of it. Put the suet in a great big bowl. Sprinkle it with one and onehalf cups of light brown sugar well-packed. Add the bread crumbs. Next (Continued on page 52)



We suggest a gay Christmas table in red and white Celanese satin


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A portiolio of china, limen, glass and silver

BEFORE we consider the subject of the next eight pages, gifts for the table, let us take a moment to explain our purpose in dividing this Christmas gift portfolio in the several divisions you will find as you read through it. Of course, we had to start with Mrs. Platt's delightful article on "A Plush-lined Christmas". It seemed to sum up all our ideas about this gala day in such a charming and understanding way that we could not deny it the leading position in the portfolio. However, after we have given Mrs. Platt the opportunity of interpreting the true spirit of Christmas, we must get into the more practical matters of new merchandise and new designs which are the chief concern of a magazine of service, such as House \& Garden.

Let us for the moment go back to the warm days of July and August, when you were swimming, sailing, golfing or vacationing in some delightful place far from the city streets. It was then that our editors began their search for the new, beautiful and unusual Christmas gifts which you will find illustrated in this portfolio. Before the editors were through, they had collected so many interesting suggestions for Christmas gifts that we had to obtain additional space outside of our own offices in which to arrange them all for final selection.

At this time, too, we called in buyers of department stores from all over the country to make sure that the offerings illustrated would be available in every corner of the land. When we had made our final selections, it then became necessary for us to divide them according to some sort of plan so that they would not seem just a heterogeneous group of merchandise. We found that they fell logically into three groups: "Gifts for the Table", "Gifts for the House" and "Gifts for People". You will find that we have adhered to this plan in the presentation of the illustrations and descriptions of the merchandise in the following pages.

One other note before we leave this general subject. You will notice throughout the issue that, in referring to prices, we have qualified the amounts by the words "about" or "approximately". This does not mean that we are uninformed as to the actual price. It merely means that prices vary so from the West Coast to the East that we do not feel it is fair to retailers to set an exact figure for any item of merchandise. Furthermore, there is always the chance that some prices may change before you read the magazine.

After this lengthy introduction, you will understand, we feel sure, that under the title "Gifts for the Table", you will find all sorts of linen, china, glass and silver suitable for your own table or those of your fortunate friends. To simplify further the process of selection, we have divided "Gifts for the Table" into the following classifications: "For Parties; Twosomes; Occasions; Luncheons; Gourmets." Suggestions for new table decorations are included under the title "Xmas Extras" at the end of this first portfolio.

Opposite: Sew silver sequins on the flounce of a red Celanese cloth to match those of the lumarith tree centerpiece to be found at Sloane's. The crystal candle holders, service plates and stemware are from Carole Stupell. Towle's sterling flatware, "Rambler Rose", and salts, and peppers, Ovington's. Plasterbaroquescrolls, Sue Williams. Chairs, Grosfeld House

Cheerful linens, trays, serving pieces and glassware

1. Old English silver plated biscuit box about $\$ 50$, Wallace. Shell design ice tongs, also Wallace's silver plate, under $\$ 1$ at Altman's. Cataract Sharpe's "Olive \& Cross" crystal ice bowl about \$4.50, bar bottle about $\$ 7.50$, bitters bottle about $\$ 2.50$, old-fashioned or cocktail glasses about $\$ 12$ dozen. Wm. H. Plummer. Watson's sterling liqueur labels about $\$ 2$ each found at Brand-Chatillon. Embroidered cocktail napkins about $\$ 12$ a dozen from Mossé
2. Crystal decanters and stand, Lenart import, under $\$ 30$, Rena Rosenthal. Edmond Dewan's "International Recipe" gay linen towels, 6 for about $\$ 5$, Lewis \& Conger. Fostoria's "Esquire" glasses about $\$ 4$ a dozen, F. \& R. Lazarus, Columbus, O. Napier's huge plated jigger, about $\$ 2$, Saks-Fifth Ave. At Brand-Chatillon cocktail fork at less than $\$ 10$ a dozen; sterling-rimmed crystal coasters about $\$ 12$ for 8 ; sterling-handled bar spoon around $\$ 6$, by Watson
B. Cocktail napkins about $\$ 1$ a set: Ellison \& Spring's "Horoscope" design by Tom Lamb, at Altman, and Fallani \& Cohn's "Recipe" design, Lord \& Taylor. From Saks-Fifth Avenue: Banana leaf tray about $\$ 12$, Venon's Pilsener glasses around $\$ 36$ a dozen. Dinkelspiel's cloth, 3 sizes, from about $\$ 1.85$ to $\$ 3.50$, Macy. Fostoria's two-compartment crystal bowl under $\$ 2.50$, F. \& R. Lazarus, Columbus, O. Sterling "Mayan" cheese set about \$40, Georg Jensen
3. Venon's crystal sherry cruet under $\$ 25$, with matching glasses at about $\$ 18$ a dozen, Saks-Fifth Avenue. Orrefors sepia crystal plates around $\$ 12$ a dozen, Sweden House. Manchester's sterling silver bowl and matching plate at about $\$ 10$ each piece, Park Curiosity Shop. International's graceful sterling punch ladle pours from either side, about $\$ 20$ at Ovington. Bold gadroon-bordered wine cooler in silver plate at about $\$ 45$ from Reed \& Barton



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At breakiast, Iunch and aiter-dinner coffee

1. Timely gifts for two: Luncheon set of 17 pieces with a col ored stag on a natural ground by Gribbon, about $\$ 7.50$ at Lord \& Taylor. Crystal jug and goblets from Cambridge Glass, 7 pieces at Wanamaker for about $\$ 8$. Gorham's silver plate double vegetable dish for about $\$ 30$. A tiny sterling bell made by Watson is found at Brand Chatillon for approximately $\$ 3.50$. And a sterling bowl by Towle is available at Lambert Bros., about $\$ 20$
2. Salad selections: Two-in-one luncheon set with navy and printed mats and napkins, under $\$ 20$ at Saks-Fifth Ave. Franciscanware service at Lord \& Taylor. Approximate prices: salad bowl, \$1.25; salad plates, $\$ 6$ doz.; cups and saucers, $\$ 7$ doz. Watson's salad set, about $\$ 5$, Brand Chatillon. Royal Copenhagen's dressing set, about $\$ 7.50$ at Georg Jensen. Vernon Kilns' jug, about $\$ 2.50$ at Bloomingdale. The pepper grinder, about $\$ 2.25$, Lewis \& Conger
3. Breakfast in bed: Kessler's crystal tray with chrome trim and monogram, about $\$ 20$ at Carole Stupell. A breakfast set in dusty shades for a French or Regency room, about $\$ 44$ complete at Alfred Orlik. International's silver plate toast rack, under $\$ 5$ at R. H. Macy. A pink linen tray cloth bound in blue with a pocket at one end which holds two napkins. Made by Fanny Morse and available for approximately $\$ 5$ at Tulsa Lee Barker
4. After-dinner coffee cheer: Mossés 17 -piece eyelet luncheon set that comes in a variety of colors, about $\$ 40$ complete. Alvin's sterling coffee service, about $\$ 70$ at Wanamaker. After-dinner cups and saucers by Wedgwood with a wreath center found at Plummer's for a little less than $\$ 50$ a dozen. Fine Orrefors liqueur bottle just under $\$ 13$ and the matching glasses in Orrefors crystal for about $\$ 15$ a dozen are both choice selections from Sweden House


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1. For a light collation: Tea napery made by Fallani \& Cohn of coral handkerchief linen, under \$7 at Lord \& Taylor; a Spode "Gloucester" tea set of soft blue with floral designs from Cooley's in Boston for about $\$ 70$. Towle's sterling tea strainer and drip in the "D'Orleans" pattern, about $\$ 13$ at Lambert Bros.; and R. Wallace \& Sons' long sleigh-shaped sterling fruit dish that is impressive and beautiful is priced at approximately $\$ 75$, B. Altman
2. For delightful service: Tulips appliquéd on Kargère's luncheon set, about $\$ 115$ complete. Grapefruit server and sea food cocktail server made by Cambridge Glass, about $\$ 30$ and $\$ 16$ a dozen at B. Altman. Gorham's sterling mayonnaise bowl for about $\$ 17$. Lunt Silversmiths' sterling ashtray, about $\$ 2$ at Ovington's. Orrefors crystal stemware, paper thin, is about $\$ 125$ complete at Sweden House. Onondaga Pottery dessert plates, for around $\$ 7$ a dozen
3. Add to a holiday table: Gribbon's linen cloth and napkins in gay Christmas colors, about $\$ 5$ at B. Altman; fine Spode "Christmas Tree" service plates, about $\$ 25$ a dozen at Olivette Falls. Towle has a sterling bowl for about $\$ 30$, a pastry server and a cold meat fork for a little over $\$ 5$ each-available at Lambert's. Then add, if you want to be really festive, Mary Ryan's crystal pine tree which can be obtained at Pitt Petri for about $\$ 15$
4. Coffee and liqueur finale: The melon-shaped coffee service in Community Plate has wooden handles. It is made by Oneida and is priced at just under $\$ 100$, R. H. Macy. Cups and saucers by Wedgwood, about $\$ 23$ a dozen at Stern Bros. Watson's enameled after-dinner coffee spoons available for about $\$ 40$ a dozen at Brand Chatillon. A low, squat liqueur set, about $\$ 17$, is Orrefors crystal on an oval tray and may be found at Sweden House

Informal appointments for the table

1. Royal Copenhagen's interesting "Holiday" fruit set, bowl and six fruit plates, about $\$ 32$ complete; 6 cups and saucers, under $\$ 25$ at Georg Jensen. Crystal shell-shaped ashtrays, imported by Lenart in two sizes, priced from $\$ 1.50$ to $\$ 2$, Rena Rosenthal. Reed \& Barton's sterling sugar, creamer and tray, about $\$ 30$ complete. Gorham's sterling shell-shaped dish, about \$17. "Chippendale" sterling service pieces by Lunt, each under $\$ 2$, R. H. Macy
2. A 17-piece Fallani \& Cohn luncheon set embroidered in rust and white on beige linen, about $\$ 30$; also in green or blue, from McCutcheon. Copper lustre baking dishes-the smartest we have seen-are Mitteldorfer Straus importations at about $\$ 30$ a dozen, Saks-Fifth Ave. Bar Dept. Handsome is the word for Orrefors square base tumblers, about $\$ 30$ a dozen, Sweden House. Oval soup tureen, silver plate, about $\$ 70$; matching ladle around $\$ 5$, Gorham
3. "Tear Drop" condiment set by Duncan \& Miller, about $\$ 2.50$, Macy. Cambridge's Colonial-inspired candlestick, about $\$ 8$ a pair, Wanamaker. Silver plate casserole, pyrex-lined, under $\$ 20$, Reed \& Barton. Covered soup dishes by Carbone, about $\$ 15$ a dozen, SaksFifth Ave. Russel Wright's "Microscopic Snowflake" linen cloth and napkins by M. Mergentime, around $\$ 3.50$, Sloane. Watson's silver candle snuffer, onyx handle, about $\$ 5$ from Brand Chatillon



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## Holiday suggestions in

## foods, wines and liqueurs prized

throughout the year

Below: Foods in liqueurs. Raffeto's brandied peaches in wooden barrel, about $\$ 8$ at Maison Glass. From left to right: At Vendôme, pitted dates in syrup with brandy; at Bellows, brandied mince meat, green turtle soup with wines, and Bing cherries in cognac all priced between $\$ 1$ and $\$ 2.50$


Below: Wine baskets with plenty of Christmas cheer. At the top is Frank Schoonmaker's selection of four bottles of wine including Champagne, Moselle, Red Bordeaux and Vin Rosé of very good vintages. About $\$ 10$ complete from Cork \& Bottle. At the bottom is Bellows \& Company's wicker basket of three famous sherries: one dry, one medium and one sweet. Available for about $\$ 4$ per bottle from James McKernon Ltd.


Left: Choice liqueurs which are certain to climax many a holiday dinner and find a welcome in the cellar of any friend. Reading from left to right these bottles are available for approximately the following prices: Bellows' Liqueur Bas Armagnac \$5.50, James McKernon; Schenley's Chartreuse $\$ 4.50$ (yellow), $\$ 5.50$ (green) at Sherry Wine \& Spirit Store; Bellows' Kirsch d'Alsace \$4.50, James McKernon; Bellows' Liqueur Blended Scotch \$6, James McKernon; McKesson \& Robbins' Drambuie Liqueur $\$ 5.50$, Bloomingdale Bros.; Delapenha \& Company's Myers's Rum ("Planters Punch" brand) $\$ 3, \mathrm{R}$. H. Macy; and Schenley's Otard Cognac $\$ 4$ from Sherry Wine \& Spirit Store


Right: Sweets for all occasions. Three of Bellows' specialties: In the center their brandied fruit cake, less than $\$ 2$ for one and one-half pounds; upper left, their plum pudding one and onequarter pounds, about $\$ 1.40$; and (just below the pudding) a crock of Hymettus honey made in Greece, about $\$ 2.50$. At lower left is a blue and white China crock containing two pounds of Canton ginger preserved in syrup by U. S. Ginger Importers, sold by Maison Glass for around $\$ 2.50$. Frank G. Shattuck's lustreware jar (upper right) filled with assorted cookies, about $\$ 3.50$. The Canoga Farms at Reseda, Cal. have (top center) jars of spiced figs or loganberry jam, about 50 cents each

Below: Poultry and game for the bill of fare. At the Pinesbridge Farms, Ossining, New York, smoked turkey is spicily flavored and can be bought for about $\$ 1.35$ a pound. Then, for emergencies and for sureflavored entrées E. W. J. Hearty carries a selection of canned foods sold by Howard's, Bridgeport, Conn. Roast partridge in jelly, chicken breast, roast Polish chicken, roast goose, etc., are all under $\$ 1$ per tin


Left: Condiments and spiced savories. Bellows' four ingredients for curry: A jar of Escoffier's chutney at the upper left, Patna rice at the lower right, and lower left a box of Bombay ducks, and a box of Poppadum wafers, all ranging in price between $\$ .20$ and $\$ 1$. Hammacher \& Schlemmer has a wicker basket of five mustards in little colored pots shown at upper right, about $\$ 8$. Vendôme sells a rack of six Maille flavored vinegars (center), about $\$ 2$. And at the same shop John Wagner \& Sons' wicker basket of salts and peppers can be obtained. This basket, shown at the upper left with four hard-to-find condiments and salamander sauce, sells for under $\$ 5$


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Above: Cheese, the "bachelor's fare". Dutchess Food Specialties makes a red wire rack holding three cheeses in wines, about $\$ 2.25$, Wanamaker's. Charles \& Co. has a pineapple cheese, and a 4 lb . Edam, for about $\$ 1.25$ each. Bellows' crock of Stilton in port, about $\$ 1.35$ and Maison Glass' terrine of pâté de foie gras shown at top, about $\$ 5$

FURTHER INFORMATION FOR GOURMETS ON PAGES 42, 46 AND 47

1. Clem \& Nixon Hall's two white plaster kneeling angels with gold wings in star-studded robes, at Gerard's. Glowing candle, $3^{\prime \prime}$, burns 60 hours. Each item about $\$ 1.25$ 2. Another very decorative idea by Clem \& Nixon Hall to be found at Gerard's is a white frame tree hung with shining silver Christmas balls. Costs around $\$ 5.50$ complete 3. A star-topped burnished gold frame with vigil lights makes a Christmas tree of great dignity. A glass vase base holds various Christmas greenery. About $\$ 10$ at Gerard's 4. An angel choir of singing cherubs come robed in pale blue gowns with gold wings and haloes. Each angel is $3^{\prime \prime}$ tall and costs approximately $\$ 1$ apiece. Also from Gerard's 5. Music boxes from Ethel Page. Guardian angels surround madonna to "First Noël", while cherubs revolve, in tune with "Silent Night". About $\$ 10$ each, McCutcheon 6. Packaged in a gay frosted flower pot is a red and white jumping rope with pine cones and tinkling bells at the handles. From Ethel Page, around $\$ 1$ at Young Books, Inc.

2. Lotura paper runners and cloths do their bit to make a party table merry! Old English, Swedish, skating, and other Christmas scenes. About $15 ¢$ each at Wanamaker's


## Gay decorations spread the Yuletide spirit



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8. At this beautiful crèche are Mary, Joseph, Three Wise Men and animals worshipping the Christ Child, exquisitely executed by Turner Art Wares. About $\$ 15$ at Gerard's 9. A wax Santa with a bulbous nose-the more he burns the larger it grows! This amusing Ashford-Fenton candle novelty costs about $\$ 5$ and may be found at the Gerard shop. Each of the $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ Carbone wooden Santas works at his own Christmas chore. Set of 12 about $\$ 9$ at W. \& J. Sloane's 10. Set of three tinkling brass Christmas bells hung with red and white cord comes in three sizes, $3^{\prime \prime}, 31 / 2^{\prime \prime}, 4^{\prime \prime}$ at around $\$ 4.50$ a set. An Ashford-Fenton accessory at Gerard's 11. Another decorative accessory from Clem \& Nixon
 Hall designed by Benita Lundy is this gold and red foil angel holding tiny red candles. About $\$ 2$ at Gerard's 12. At Mary Ryan's a cylindrical tree with chrome star and foot is filled with evergreens, gold and silver balls, designed by Warren Kessler. About $\$ 10$ at Carole Stupell 13. From Ethel Page comes this unusual and attractive Cellophane tree edged with coiled white wire. Small and large sizes ranging from $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 6$ at James McCutcheon 14. Also from Ethel Page is the jiggling cotton-trimmed Santa about $\$ 2.50$, James McCutcheon. Christmas tree candles from Ashford-Fenton, $15^{\prime \prime}-191 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ about $\$ 3-\$ 5$, Gerard


A handsome present for any house - an antique breakfront secretary

# A useful collection for hone-loving enthusiasts 

You probably have a whole group of friends who are in that state of mind where there's nothing they'd rather have than a gift for the house. The young marrieds, the bachelor with a new one-room apartment, the friends who have just acquired a "farm", the friends in the throes of redecorating-all these are likely to be temporarily so full of their house that everything else seems irrelevant. Then there are the constant homebodies we all know, who are thrilled by something as prosaic as a casserole, who go into ecstasies over monogrammed sheets, who admire the latest colors in bath towels and who envy trick gadgets of all descriptions.

In fact there are so many of these temporary and perennial homeloving enthusiasts that we have given over the second grouping in our Christmas Gift Guide to things calculated to charm them. We have included everything from important furniture - a chaise longue, bookcase, easy chair-such as one would only expect from one's family, down to the smallest and most appealing bits of trickery for home and fireside.

Strangely enough, if you are going to give a friend's house something, it requires considerable more study and thought than if you are going to give the friend something. For with the house there are no acceptable standbys, like lovely hankies, the Christmas tie or the current best seller.

The chances are that you yourself may not be in the same stage of mania about houses, apartments, farms, shacks, etc., as your friends are, and therefore your ideas are sparse. You go shopping with the thought that it would be nice to give Nell or Harry something for the house, but unless you've done a little homework before you set out, you won't know whether to go to the furniture floor, to the linen section, or down to the hardware department. And in the end you're likely to fall prey to some nifty little gadget on the first floor aisle table that would have been easy to reach if you had only known of its existence before you started on a shopping tour.

On the following pages we have tried to organize a guide to gifts for the house. From all the vast array of household chattels and decorations we have tried to select not only the ones that people with houses on the brain would love, but things that almost anybody would be delighted with.

We have sought the new and the unusual gift as often as possible. Again we have considered price, showing you articles involving considerable financial outlay as well as less expensive things. We have even included a few of those "silly" gifts that can be so much fun and are so hard to find without many precious hours of searching.

We have tried to crowd as many ideas as possible into each category-but as this book is merely a guide, we feel sure that many other ideas will suggest themselves to you as you read.


## Accessories:

WALL: White wire framed mirror pictures with classic gold heads, a Mary Ryan offering for about $\$ 8$ each at Pitt Petri. Mexican octagonal mirror may be ordered through Carson Pirie Scott, Chicago. Clem Hall's wall bracket with Regency tassel around $\$ 2.50$ a pair at McCutcheon. Dickens' figures from Pitcairn of Royal Doulton china about $\$ 5$ each at Ovington. TOP SHELF: Orrefors crystal lamp; shade has pale green leaf design, about $\$ 30$, Sweden House. Cut crystal vases about $\$ 13$ each from Alfred Orlik. Carbone's Venetian emerald crystal bird is gold-flecked. Around $\$ 17$ at Gerard. Gay old-fashioned plaster figures each about $\$ 6.50$ at Bonwit Teller. Marianna von Allesch's blown glass ornaments: seated maiden about $\$ 25$, banana tree about $\$ 15$, Rena Rosenthal. CENTER: White pharmacy jar lamp with gold trim, Everglaze chintz shade from Paul Hanson, about $\$ 20$ at W. \& J. Sloane. "Discus," Seth Thomas' 8-day clock, gold plate numerals on walnut frame at Wanamaker's, about $\$ 10$. Crystal
horse bookends, clear or frosted, from Weil-Freeman, about $\$ 4$ a pair, Wanamaker. Clover cut crystal ashtray in three sizes range from $\$ 5$ to $\$ 10$ at Alfred Orlik. Silver-plated cigarette box by Napier divides into two parts, about $\$ 6$ at SaksFifth Ave. Fostoria's candlelamp about $\$ 1.50$ at Lazarus, Columbus, O. "Little Nell", a Royal Doulton figurine, about \$5, Ovington. Old English cruet stand with glasses about $\$ 16.50$ from Alice Marks. BOTTOM ROW: Authentic copies of Deerfield candlesticks by Chase Brass \& Copper about $\$ 2$ each at Stern Bros. Sleigh-shaped wooden tray, hand-painted, in two sizes, about $\$ 4$ and $\$ 6$ at McCutcheon. Crown Ducal dessert plates at Maddock \& Miller, vari-colored bands and diverse centers, about $\$ 15$ a dozen. Verlys' oval crystal bowl about $\$ 7.50$ at Ovington. Kensington's Ming bowl about $\$ 5$, Bonwit Teller. Green calfskin set, gold tooled: matchbox and ashtray each about $\$ 2$, cigarette box about $\$ 6$ and wastepaper basket about $\$ 16.50$ at Rena Rosenthal.


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## Furniture:

1. Old lacquer tray and folding stand. Tray about $\$ 30$ and stand about $\$ 10$ at Macy's Corner Shop
2. Mahogany corner hanging shelf made by Michigan Artcraft. About $\$ 20$ at Eckhard Berman
3. Victorian chair with bouffant skirt from the Dunbar Furniture Co. Around $\$ 110$ at B. Altman
4. Mahogany butler's tray. A Baker reproduction. $22^{\prime \prime} \times 30^{\prime \prime}$, $28^{\prime \prime}$ high. About $\$ 48$, Wanamaker
5. Torchère by Lightolier in black and crystal. Fine classic dignity. $63^{\prime \prime}$ tall. About $\$ 55$ at $O$ vington
6. Drop leaf desk with drawer space at top and underneath leaf. By Imperial, about $\$ 60$ at Sloane
7. Louis XV Musette piano with genuine inlaid marquetry. Winter. Around $\$ 500$ at John Wanamaker
8. Old French wood box in bright red tôle. The price is about $\$ 60$ at Altman's 18th Century Shop




Decasional furniture

1. Breakfront in pickled pine or mahogany. Hand carved. By Baker. Approximately $\$ 200$, Wanamaker's
2. Regency type chair with trim button back and satin upholstery. From Mueller, about $\$ 40$ at Macy's
3. Shield back chair, beautifully carved and upholstered. By Kaplan Furniture for about $\$ 120$, Altman's
4. Extra long Louis XVI coffee table. In various woods. About $\$ 50$, Altman's. Tomlinson of High Point
5. Whitney's two-tier dumbwaiter in warm natural maple finish. Gimbel Bros. has it, approximately $\$ 25$
6. A French Provincial walnut plant table made by Albert Grosfeld. At Elizabeth Peacock's, about $\$ 150$


## Decasional rugs

In the photograph at the left, two of Mohawk Carpet Mills' new chenille throw rugs (both of which are available in three sizes at L. S. Ayres, Indianapolis) are shown at upper right (with rhythmic brown and white nubs) and lower left (white pile, fringed). Size $27 \times 42$, about $\$ 18$ each. The V'Soske Shops make the three remaining rugs priced between $\$ 75-\$ 90$ and found at Décor. An oblong rug at the upper left has a carved conch shell design in four shades of one tone. Excellent as a hearth rug. In the center is a $3^{\prime} \times 5^{\prime}$ oval rug with carved scroll design taken from a medieval fabric. And just below, a $40^{\prime \prime}$ circular rug is shown. It has a carved coin dot design in shades of medium beige, light brown and dark brown



## Dccasional furniture

1. Mahogany poudreuse from Widdicomb. Open, dressing table; closed,desk. About $\$ 120$, Hathaway
2. Berkey's tambour desk. Satinwood and mahogany; enamel pulls. About $\$ 130$, Flint \& Horner
3. French Provincial slipper benchbyTomlinson; variouswoods. About $\$ 100$ in muslin at Altman
4. Chaise longue. A very comfortable Charak piece. About $\$ 215$; order from your decorator
5. Cockfight chair, Colonial Mfg. Co. For bedroom, morning room or at fireside. About $\$ 58$, Macy
6. Colonial's ire screen table. Adjustable for book-holding, writing or sewing table. About $\$ 55$, Macy


Bed and bath linens
Celanese satin corded comfortable made by Palmer Brothers in 11 colors, about $\$ 23$ at Wanamaker. Martex Christmas package contains a "Sahara" bath set of 5 pieces, white with colored border, around $\$ 5.50$ at Altman. American Needlecrafts' flesh crêpe blanket cover with appliqued satin band and insert bow. Single bed size about $\$ 13$, double about $\$ 15$ at Emma Maloof. Kenwood's soft textured "Classic" blanket throw comes in dusty colors to match their blankets for about $\$ 10$ at Lord \& Taylor. "Baroque" bed set, fine percale, with appliquéd border and monogram. Sets range from around $\$ 35$ to $\$ 45$. Linen guest towels with appliqued bowknot and band for around $\$ 2.50$, matching fingertip towels about $\$ 1.50$, Mossé. Wamsutta Supercale bed sets with hand work, about $\$ 7$ to $\$ 8.50$, pillow slips around \$3. Carlin Comfort Shop at Saks-Fifth Ave.


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## Practical suggestions

## for familiar housekeeping problems

2. This red and white household scale with its broad surface weighs accurately up to fifty pounds. Dial can be locked and read later if it is covered during the weighing. Compact for easy storage. Borg 50 household scale, about $\$ 4$. Macy
3. The picnic case with zipper is fitted with Thermos bottle, bakelite cups and food box. American Thermos Bottle Co. About $\$ 4$, Scully \& Scully. Long chromium roasting fork by Manning Bowman, about $\$ 1.50$ at Hammacher-Schlemmer
4. Stop watching the clock for the time to turn on your favorite radio program. Connect this electric clock to your radio and set it to turn the programs on and off, automatically. Walnut plastic case. Telechron Organizer, about $\$ 10$. Altman
5. For the man of the house, a good set of dependable tools for all sorts of household jobs. Easy to keep in the convenient wooden case. About $\$ 16$ from the Stanley Works. Log-carrier in sturdy duck, for about $\$ 2$ at Hammacher-Schlemmer
6. The "Stormoguide" which is combined here with the desk clock is an aneroid barometer having the probable weather forecasts charted on sections of dial. Case in black and chromium. About $\$ 20$ from Taylor Instrument Co.
7. New dish towels of that old-time favorite, flour sacking. All bleached and hemmed in huge sizes to dry big platters, lots of dishes. Very close-woven and absorbent. Set of six, plain about $\$ 4$; marked, $\$ 5$ at Hammacher-Schlemmer
8. Set the control of the Electric Comforter for the right "under cover" temperature and the thermostat keeps you just that warm all night, come thaws or freezes. Luxurious Carlin Comfort with General Electric heating unit and control. It is priced at about $\$ 70$ and found at Lewis \& Conger


## add comfort and convenience to everyday living



14. The "sizzling platter" and stainless steel cooking dishes are set on natural wood trays when they come to the table for serving. Servet, Steelsmiths, Inc. Platter and large bowl each about $\$ 5$, covered dish about $\$ 11$, with trays. The three practical pieces illustrated herecan beobtained at R.H. Macy's
8. Here's a Xmas package that will turn out package meals all year. Plug this electric oven into any baseboard outlet to roast, bake, broil. A.C. only, automatically controlled, heavily insulated. Universal, about $\$ 30$. Lewis \& Conger
9. Style and service go hand in hand when the Table Chef is used for informal meals. Simply designed in chromium with handles of ivory plastic, this appliance bakes, boils and fries, electrically. Made by Chase Brass, about $\$ 16$. Macy
10. At last, an electric plate-warmer for buffet suppers and English breakfasts. Holds twelve plates and is thermostatically controlled to prevent overheating. For hot breads, Manning-Bowman, about $\$ 33$. Hammacher-Schlemmer
11. Sandwiches made several hours before a party will be fresh when served, if kept in this spun aluminum server with humidifier in the cover. Wood tray for cheese, etc. Sta-Fresh Server, West Bend. About $\$ 3$ at John Wanamaker
12. For a simple and successful supper in the best tradition, cook your favorite casserole dish in this great French earthenware pot. Holds four quarts and adds a gourmet touch to food and service. About $\$ 3$ at the Bazar Français
13. This neatly designed sauce server with its well-balanced handle and double pouring lip is ideal for serving hot or sweet sauces, lemon and butter. Light metal is tarnish-proof. By York Server, Kensington, Inc. and about \$4, Altman

## Modern appliances,

new dishes for cooking and serving

## Ten Quick Trick -


above: Great yous dinner guests with corsages and
boutonnieres on a sparkling white tree

Below: Scrolls cut from sheet brass hold a swag with greens and ornaments, Wm. Pahlmann

Right: Mus. Ford Carter<br>anggests impaling fits<br>on a pyramid of<br>shiny coiled metal

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And use the same Grass curled up around greens and colored balls for a centerpiece on the table
"Scotch" Christ mas - "Sand 10 " giftsplaid table cloth of reed and green Cellophane ribbons. Tack ribbons to picture moldings for plaid ceiling. Suggested by Jasegoh Mullen
make a hid for $X_{\text {mas decoration }}$

Right: For a centerpiece lambs made of pipe cleavers, papier mâché cherubs, by Julia Blundell and Doris Webb

Left: Red and white "stick candy" candelabra in spun glass done by Thariauna Non Ole och

Left: Take yards and yards of red tarleton and drape it to the four comers of the room - catch up each carver with greens, anggests Richard L. Sandford.


Wrap tinsel around the bannister rails with tree armaments in betweenanother Richard Sand ford idea

Joseph Sullen devises a creche from packing bor and fancy gold picture frame lined with blue Cellophane


Personal gifis in gay wrappings (including the dog) decorate this attractive foyer


An unusual selection for grownups and children

THIS last phase of the gift-giving problem-gifts for people - is probably the easiest for you and the hardest for House \& Garden. You know your friends and we don't so all the "people" we are shopping for in the following pages are hypothetical characters.

And since the selection of personal gifts involves so much the taste and personality, as well as the age, sex, and pattern of life of the recipient, it has been necessary for our editors to get into the shoes of all the fifty-seven varieties of people we could possibly think of.

Generally speaking, though, we found ourselves visualizing our own friends as we selected each item and applying to the gift the acid test of just how many of our acquaintances it would suit and how much they might like it. If we couldn't think of a single soul to give it to, out it went, for the chances were you couldn't either. But if there was so much as one rare personality who would appreciate some unusual gadget, we were inclined to give it a passing rating and photograph it for you to see.

In these pages, then, we have endeavored to include the out-of-theway present, which will bring with it the element of surprise. On each page, we have devoted one group to stocking gifts, for men, women and childrenall those little amusing and endearing things that it is so exciting to dig from the sock or unwrap on Christmas morning. They are hard to find when you look for them in the shops, and in the bustle and strain of Christmas shopping they are even in danger of being overlooked.

Gifts for men-really good and unusual ones-are probably hardest of all to find and to select. This year we are particularly proud of our collection, with saddle-stitched leather pieces, the globe that lights up, and the biggest find of the season, a leather file case to hold all those important briefs wherever he goes.

The toy problem was the most fun and we have tried to gather together some of the newest playthings for all the nieces and nephews and offsprings on the list. Those cuddly terry cloth animals should be a success we think, and no matter what happens to them they can be popped into the tub and washed like a bath towel.

So in the section which follows and in the two preceding ones we have tried to make your Christmas shopping as exciting and as little wearing as possible by pointing up the interesting new gifts we have seen here and there. On later pages we have gathered up a number of bright ideas for Christmas decorations from a group of New York decorators, noted for their talent in putting a house into a festive mood, and from other creators of amusing decorations. If you turn over even further to page 40 you will find House \& Garden's own suggestions for dressing up the exterior of your home whether you prefer only a colorful wreath or an elaborate formal decoration.

Dolls, toys and stocking "stuffers"


Stocking Gifts: Cuddly hound and leopard in terry cloth, Lenart Imports that are priced around $\$ 2$ each at Saks-Fifth Ave. Kerk Guild bath novelties for $\$ 1$ and under include: Candy cane bath sticks to please fastidious little girls; Popeye Bath Ball for the boys-both at Lord \& Taylor; a Soapy Santa at W. \& J. Sloane; "Ferdinand" for a "bully" Christmas, at Franklin Simon. From F. A. O. Schwarz, ranging from about 35 e to $\$ 1.50$, come: the wooden toy village in a gilt net bag; a wooden house with roof of colored crayons; a tiny tub-going speed boat; a pocket flashlight; animated animals which, if rubbed back and forth several times, will crawl along the table or floor. Bookmarks of wood cutouts neatly strung on grosgrain ribbon at about 50 each from Young Books, Inc. Handmade doeskin coin purses (in natural, rose beige and red) cost about $\$ 1$; and the fat little satchel costs about $\$ 4.50$ from Childhood, Inc.

"Scooters," child's four-piece set of Royal Copenhagen porcelain. It comes in honey and soft green. Priced at about $\$ 4.50$ at Georg Jensen

"Freckle Faced" Bear set. Schwarz. "Noah's Ark" bookend set. Young Books. Pudgy woolly animals at Saks-Fifth Ave. Priced from \$2-\$5


Sugar Plum Tree is Clem \& Nixon Hall's novel Christmas tree. Each bough holds a peppermint stick. Costs about $\$ 4$ from W. \& J. Sloane


Chubby baby panda of terry cloth, yours for about $\$ 2.50$. Saks-Fifth Ave. Kensington child's cup and porringer. About $\$ 3$ each at Altman

"Golden State Ferry" by Turner Artwares, about $\$ 5.50$, Childhood, Inc. "Tower Garage," complete, running elevator, cars, about \$8.75. Schwarz

"Lucy" is the poetic name for this Lenci doll so beautifully clothed in old-fashioned costume. A Lenart import, about $\$ 15$ from Saks-Fifth Ave.


Another Lenart import is this pair Miniature metal aquarium. Separate of Flemish dolls in native costume, glass tanks to be stocked with fish, each carrying an umbrella. Priced sea plants, tiny turtles, etc. Size around $\$ 5.50$ each. Saks-Fifth Ave. $18^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{\prime \prime}$ about $\$ 8$. F. A. O. Schwarz


Tyrolean doll carriage with calico hood. Turner Artwares, about $\$ 12.50$. Baby doll with handmade clothes, about $\$ 10$. Camel's hair carriage robe about $\$ 8.50$-all from Childhood, Inc. Lenart's rag doll around \$3. Saks-Fifth Ave.


Remington Rand Bantam typewriter about $\$ 12.50$ with case. Scout set about $\$ 4.50$. Glass blowing game about $\$ 2.25$ from F. A. O. Schwarz. Macy carries Parker Bros. Chinese checkers about $\$ 1$ and Crossword Anagrams about $\$ 1.50$


Lenart imports: Terry cloth elephant about $\$ 2.50$; doll about $\$ 3$. Appliquéd felt picture, Lenore O'Hare about $\$ 5$, Saks-Fifth Ave. Rag doll, $3-\mathrm{yr}$ size, about $\$ 10.50$, Young Books. Child's chair under $\$ 10$, Childhood, Inc. It comes upholstered in a wide selection of merry little prints

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Leather goods, games and accessories


Gifts to Put in His Stockinc. He will enjoy carving for guests with a roast beef carver that has a hollow ground razor edge and comes in a leather case, about $\$ 3$ at Abercrombie \& Fitch. Mark Cross' folding clock with an alarm for about $\$ 27$. Crystal paper weight, a polar bear in a snow ball, for about $\$ 1.50$ at Pitt Petri. A crystal jigger marked "strong and weak" which is $\$ 1$-plus at Saks-Fifth Ave. For a night table he will like a square cigarette holder and ashtray in Orrefors crystal. The set is around $\$ 10$ at Richard Briggs China Co. in Boston. Finally he will appreciate: A billfold of hazel pigskin that has a pocket for stamps and a place for four different cards-hand-stitched and found at Lord \& Taylor for about $\$ 5$ and (is there a man who does not lose his best cuff-links and studs?) a round, fat little stud box of hazel pigskin with a zipper top. It can be found at Lord \& Taylor, and the price is about \$4


When He Plays. Challenge him with a checkerboard tray, lacquered in black, red and gold. Sturdy enough to use in bed. Approximately \$5, W. \& J. Sloane. From Scully and Scully, a portable backgammon board in a linen case with collapsible cups. It measures nine by eleven inches and can be conveniently carried with other baggage. About $\$ 7.50$


When He Dresses. Offer him this man's set: shaving soap, talcum and after-shaving lotion in pottery bottles, about \$3, Lord \& Taylor. Kerk Guild's big cakes of floating soap, less than $\$ 1$, Franklin Simon. Martex's large towels, around $\$ 1.50$ at Altman. Newton Electrical Shaving mirror, about \$6, Lewis \& Conger. Sizeable shoe horn, about $\$ 1$, Lord \& Taylor


When He Travels. Haynes Griffin has a peewee radio in cowhide or rawhide case, about $\$ 25$. A leather file case in many colors by Writing Desk of Eaton, under \$9 at W. \& J. Sloane. A man's shoe box to hold six pairs, flannel-lined, about $\$ 30$ at Oshkosh Trunks. At Mark Cross: An alligator traveling brush case and an alligator collar box, about $\$ 23$ and $\$ 35$


When He Works. Give him an illuminated globe with an Atlas that fits into the stand, about $\$ 45$ at Lord \& Taylor; a gold plated desk set in case, about $\$ 10$ from Abercrombie \& Fitch. Both by Writing Desk of Eaton. Warren Telechron's clock in leather case, around $\$ 12.50$, Altman. And for chain-smokers, huge green crystal ashtray, under $\$ 9$ at Gerard's


For Her Bath and Boudorr. Matchabelli's three perfume crowns, Lord \& Taylor; tiny gold cigarette box and ashtray, Bonwit Teller; flowered luggage rack, B. Altman-each about $\$ 5$. Carlin Comforts' chaise throw and pillow, about $\$ 45$. Qui Sait's terry bath powder mits, around $\$ 3$. And Kerk Guild's bath soap, three cakes about $\$ 1$, Franklin Simon


For Her Trayeling Days. From American Needlecrafts: Lingerie envelopes, set of three sizes about $\$ 13$, Nancy Lincoln Guild; taffeta jewelry case, about $\$ 2.50$, Wanamaker; pin roll, about $\$ 1$, Lord \& Taylor. From Mark Cross: Sewing box, about $\$ 6.50$ and traveling case with top for stationery, about \$46. Oshkosh's train box, "Tops Up", about $\$ 28$


For Her Letter-Writing Mood. Crane's stationery in Nassau blue with envelopes lined in a contrasting color, about $\$ 1.50$ at Lord \& Taylor. Alfred Orlik's gold and white porcelain desk set, hand painted. Other colors as well in this six-piece set: jade, dusty pink and turquoise. About $\$ 65$. The vase and matching ashtray shown above may be added to the set


For Her Dressing Table. A wreathed dressing table set in salmon pink china: mirror, powder jar, two bottles, ashtray, cigarette holder and lighter. The pieces range in price from about $\$ 2$ to $\$ 6$ at W . \& J. Sloane. Perfume sachets in quilted satin that come in all pastel shades and are sweetly scented. Found at Wanamaker's for about $\$ 2$ for each sachet

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Intimate and attractive accessories


Gifts For Her Stocking. Matchabelli has a satin hosiery case lined with taffeta for about $\$ 2$ at Altman, and a sachet bell scented with "Duchess of York" for about $\$ 1$ at Bonwit Teller. Upper left: A tiny paper weight of a Madonna with child and a small cut crystal lighter. The former is found at S. S. Reynolds Co. in Boston (about $\$ 2.50$ ); the latter at Marshall Field \& Co., Chicago, for about $\$ 1$. Three appointments follow, which range from $\$ 4 . \$ 8$ and are sure to please a fastidious woman: A white porcelain hooded ashtray, from Olivette Falls; tiny cream jars in three sizes, sold as a set at W. \& J. Sloane; and a four-tiered powder and cream jar, Altman's 18th 'Century Shop. Crystal leaf-shaped ashtray of fine Orrefors, about $\$ 4.50$, Sweden House. Smart billfold in any color leather, about $\$ 2$, Lord \& Taylor. And a very feminine cigarette case of wine moiré, approximately $\$ 1.50$ at Eleanor Beard
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Equipment that is decorative and useful


1. A book for a garden record planned by a horticulturist and bound in green leather. From Writing Desk of Eaton, is sold by Hammacher-Schlemmer, about $\$ 10$
2. Wren house for the garden. Made of tree bark, it is so scientifically constructed as almost to guarantee an occupant. Found at Hammacher-Schlemmer for about $\$ 2.50$
3. Swinging garden light with shaft of wrought iron that sticks into the ground, hurricane globe. Made by Mitteldorfer Straus, priced at about $\$ 2$ at Bonwit Teller
4. A garden clock of hand wrought iron with copper numerals. Mitteldorfer Straus has constructed it in two pieces for easy installation. For about $\$ 9$ at Bonwit Teller
5. Rose sprinkler by Burnham \& Parker. The hose is attached to the bottom and water sprays out the top of the yellow flower. For about $\$ 4$ at Hammacher-Schlemmer
6. Garden basket with wicker loops for tools. Trowel, fork, dibble, pruner, flower scissors, cord, wire, and kneeling pad. All about $\$ 14$ at Hammacher-Schlemmer
7. Green rubber kneeling pad included in the garden basket shown above. Of sponge materials, flexible and easily washed, the pad can make weeding a garden pleasure
8. "The Garden Encyclopedia" edited by E. L. D. Seymour, published by Wm. Wise \& Co., is well-illustrated and coveted by gardeners. About \$4, Hammacher-Schlemmer
9. "Kreme Skin" garden gloves made from imported lambskin by National Glove Co. They are washable and sell for about $\$ 1$ a pair in three sizes. Hammacher-Schlemmer

10. Above: Nest of three garden baskets that are wide and flaring with heavy straw handles. The set is priced at approximately $\$ 4.50$ and is found at Fred Leighton's
11. An oblong mat of woven straw has strange bright colors-red, purple, green, yellow-woven in squares. For less than $\$ 3$ apiece and for many uses. Fred Leighton's
12. English-patterned hedge shears. Excellent steel blades and well-shaped handles of non-splitting wood. Made by J. Wiss and sold at Hammacher-Schlemmer, about $\$ 3.25$
13. "Hy-Power" pruner that cuts through wood with a smooth action and on to soft bronze anvil with ease. Light in weight. By J. Wiss. About $\$ 2$, Hammacher-Schlemmer
14. Mexican tin watering can with two detachable spouts: one with large and one with small holes. Available at Fred Leighton's for about $\$ 2$ complete with both spouts

15. Left: Copper flower pots in two sizes made by Revere Copper \& Brass and sold at Lewis \& Conger for $\$ 1$ and $\$ 1.25$. They will hold ordinary clay flower pots conveniently
16. Mary Ryan has some fine china flower markers of colored pottery with raised lettering of flower name. Available at Lewis \& Conger for about $\$ 3$ per dozen

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## Tied with a bowknot

Above: Top package in green tissue paper with green and white poinsettia pattern, cerise bows. Center left, snow scene on red paper tied with black and gold Cellophane. Center right, a black patterned paper is tied in white Cellophane ribbon that is striped with red and green. Bottom left, colored stars on gray paper, red bow. Bottom right, paper half one pattern and half another in cerise, silver and white. Cerise bow. White paper trees secure the ends

Left: Large square package is wrapped in dark bright blue paper, plaid bow. Top right, tinsel dots on crinkled Cellophane, tied with silver tinsel ribbon. Center left, red and green stars on white, red and silver tinsel ribbon. Center right, a food package in orange paper secured with brown ribbon and ginger cookie stickers that say: "Nibble not till Christmas". Square gift at the bottom is in gold paper tied with a red and white polka dot bowknot

## For glamor gifis

Right: Silver stars on red and blue paper wrap the package at the left in the top row. An extravagant red bow and a chou of red paper festoon the top. To the right, pink and purple tissue paper with bands of bright green edged in silver and red blossoms to secure it. Bottom row, left: Purple Cellophane tied with cerise velvet, finished with clover clips; right: Geranium red paper and matching flowers are tied securely with a shaded green ribbon

Lower Richt: The large square box at the left is in pale pink paper tied around and across with green organdy ribbon. It has a graceful spray of pink paper lilies on top. The smaller package at the right is covered with apple green paper and secured with lime green organdy ribbon. It is topped with a spray of green leaves and silver fern. Artificial sprays such as these give an extravagant and a very realistic air to otherwise simple wrappings

## If you can't tie a bow

Below: Top row from left to right, a water melon pink paper dotted with seals; white candles with gray flames on green paper, bands of gold; two tones of blue paper plaided with bands of silver. Center row, copper paper plaided with brown and gold; black striped paper tied with Scotch tape; silver striped paper, bell stickers. Bottom left, black paper with multi-colored elastic bands; right, jade paper with wine-colored string, corded effect


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## Gay ideas for your gift packages

by Joseph IB. Platt, noted desigmer

## Thtire fills

to give your home a gay exterior

If you have a doorway with a balcony, try massing small trees on the balcony and set them off with ribbon bows. Festoon the doorway below with swags of evergreens dotted with colored lights and have the ends of each garland shaped into a large bow. The same motif can be repeated on the front door. At either side of the door you can place an evergreen in a tub lighted by bulbs of one color-pink, blue or green-interspersed with white lights



If you are lucky enough to get a white Christmas, it is fun to have a snowman to bring the birds their Christmas dinner. Fit a large board into the snowman's hands to hold crumbs, grain and suet. Band his coat and sleeves with evergreen rope, and give him an evergreen hat trimmed with a bright wool pompon. Make his eyes with chunks of coal, his nose with a small red apple, and his beard of paper strips that have been curled over scissor blades

You can go very formal and very festive with the Regency decoration shown at the left. Use red and white candy-striped cotton or a light awning material. Drape the cloth as a swag to fit the pediment, and let the ends hang down the pilasters. Accent each corner with a tiny fir tree. Then plant small shapely trees in a pair of white iron urns at either side of the doorway. Tie your door wreath with the same striped material as that used for the swag


A house with shutters takes on a frolicsome appearance when the blinds are covered with ropes of evergreens and when each shutter is decorated with huge bunches of "grapes" made from colored Christmas tree balls and tied with ribbon bows. Wire each cluster tightly to the top and bottom of the blind to keep it steady in the wind. Hang your wreath on the outside of the window, too, and tie it with a bow that matches those used on the shutters

The window at the right has some of the provincial gaiety of a Christmas card. Place a brilliantly painted valance cut from compo-board on the outside above the window and fill it with greens. Hang ropes of evergreens from the underside of the valance and tie back like a curtain with perky ribbon bows. Such a decoration might frame a crèche group set in the window or a small ornamented tree set in a window box, flooded with concealed lights



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Right: A group of three that are highly favored: American Sauterne, Virginia Dare light wine and Virginia Dare red wine. Garrett \& Company manufacture this trio. Each bottle is 45 gt . and all are sold at R. H. Macy for well under $\$ 1$ per bottle


Left: Three choice wines from the Taylor Wine Co. are: American Sherry, New York State Rhine Wine and Chateau Rheims carbonated wine. The first two are under $\$ 1$ and the third about $\$ 1.75$ at Broadway Liquor Corp


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## TEN QUICK TRICKS

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For Joseph Mullen's crèche, on page 29. The packing box is 2' x $2^{\prime}$ x $3^{\prime}$, the outside covered with silver paper, the inside with dark blue Cellophane sprinkled with silver stars. Drill a hole in the top, attach a 20 -watt bulb which is hidden by an $8^{\prime \prime}$ Cellophane strip. The light then shines down from above on a group of nativity figures arranged inside


William Pahlmann's overmantel shown on page 28 uses bright brass scrolls cut like the pattern above (each square equals $2^{\prime \prime}$ ). When rolled up and pinned against the mantel with thumb tacks, they hold a graceful thin plaster drapery between them. In this drapery are fastened bright blown-glass balls, red and green and gold. Use also as wall decoration


Above left: For Mr. Pahlmann's matching oval centerpiece, page 28, these plans are shown. The base is a flat, oval piece of plywood $30^{\prime \prime}$ long, $18^{\prime \prime}$ wide. Strips of curled brass, cut in the size and shape shown above, are nailed 'round the edge. The center holds a profusion of red and green glass balls and white plaster balls, bedded on fresh greenery

Above richt is the diagram to explain Mrs. Ford Carter's mantel decoration on page 28 . The base is a wooden block $12^{\prime \prime}$ square and $2^{\prime \prime}$ thick. In the center is a $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ wooden or metal rod. A $2^{\prime \prime}$ strip of brass, $5^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime}$ long, is attached at the wooden base and spiralled upward. Banked on the base and continuing upward in a pyramid are colorful fruits


For Mr. Mullen's Scotch Christmas on page 28, you need $12^{\prime \prime}$. and $4^{\prime \prime}$. strips of red and green Cellophane or crêpe paper, the length and width of your dining room. Stretch them wall to wall, tack to molding in a plaid pattern. Do the same over a white tablecloth, and add a white leather Christmas tree decorated gaily with red and green balls

## HOUSE \& GARDEN'S BOOKSHELF

Forty Years of Gardening. By Anna Gilman Hill. New York, N. Y.: Frederick A. Stokes Company,

This is one of those rarely written personal books wherein the intent reader becomes conscious of being accompanied by the author-in the winsome fashion of a long-time confidential friend. The first pages Mrs. Hill devotes to getting acquainted. They give a leaping history of the early days of developing the area which now constitutes her celebrated garden.

From this brief introduction, Mrs. Hill plunges into actual gardening from the seed up. Nothing escapes her notice, and from February, when the first seedsmen's catalogues begin to arrive, the story expands-with bits of garden lore where they happen to be suggested by a vivid memory from a dearly-learned experience. Confessing an established "itch for novelties," she discusses the novelties announced in the arriving catalogues, with hearty remembrances of the old standbysand suddenly it is March, and there are long lists of desirable annuals and some perennials which should share a place in the cold-frames.

While these seedlings are passing the time till the Spring temperatures when they may be set in the open ground, the author answers a lot of questions which the reader has been "saving up for years", and gives several distinct schemes for the approaching planting, particularly as to color effects to be secured from the expected
flowers. And, speaking of color presents the idea of the "picking basket" and the putting together of bouquets-with a superabundant list, covering several pages, of the flowers which one must have in the clipping garden, and just what time in the early morning they must be gathered if they are to last for any length of time.

The "shady garden" receives special treatment of the same kind, with a long list of plants available for such conditions, and with their dates of blooming, so that groups may be arranged to show attractive flower lightings. Suggestions for flower groupings, harmonious as to color in the general hardy border, with their bloomingdates from April to November, occupy many pages and answer questions before they are asked. With all this detailed information as to special plants goes a running story of rich experiences in several gardens of quite different temperatures and terrain.

Then, all too suddenly for the absorbed reader, appears Part III, made up of a dozen chapters on specific plant subjects: Spring bulbs, primulas, peonies, bearded iris, roses-old and new, hemerocallis, delphiniums, perennial phloxes (especially their colors), campanulas, modern petunias, Michaelmas daisies and chrysanthemums. Each of these subjects receives all the adequate treatment that it deserves in a generous pamphlet of several pages. This genial narrative is well worth careful reading.
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# 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
## turkey stupfing

Now that the Government is pay ing for everything, the old poet Gay will be justified in his lines-

From the low peasant to the lord, The turkey smokes on every board. And, on every board, unless the housewife exercises some imagination, these turkeys will all be stuffed alike. The low peasant will probably be thankful for stuffing made of bread crumbs and herbs, and the lord will insert his wellbred teeth into chestnut stuffing. Between these two orthodox extremes runs a whole gamut of variations. The French make a turkey stuffing of haricot beans, onion, parsley, thyme, chopped ham and tomato purée. The Italian gourmet smacks his chops over a stuffing composed of chipped hard sausage, sliced prunes, pears, butter, boiled chestnuts, white wine and the finely chopped liver of the turkey.

## chestnut dishes

And having mentioned chestnuts, did you ever boil and make a purée of them, with plenty of butter, to serve instead of potatoes? Or try this-peel large chestnuts, lay in a broad saucepan and stew gently in meat stock.

There is also chestnut soup. Peel three dozen chestnuts. Boil and skin. In another saucepan dice pickled pork, a quartered carrot, a large diced potato, salt, pepper, half a bay leaf, two cloves and two cups of water. Start this boiling gently and then put in the chestnuts. When they all are tender, drain through a coarse sieve, add stale bread crumbs and chicken stock till you have a thin purée. Season to taste. Let it simmer for ten minutes and before serving whip in the yolk of an egg.

## christmas frutts

By one sure sign you may know the holidays are approaching-the appearance of fancy fruits on the market -love apples, tangerines, kumquats (the smallest of oranges), dates, figs, big raisins and crystalized fruit prettily packed in paper-laced boxes like oldfashioned valentines. Sliced kumquats in a mixed lettuce salad are not to be despised. And if you tire of raisins in the raw, stem and soak them in cognac, thereby making "snapdragons", the old English Christmas confection. A few of these snapdragons in apple sauce will make even the simplest home supper take on regal proportions. From tangerine juice can be made a delicate water ice and if it be gently laced with Jamaica rum, your gourmet feelings will reach new heights of joy.

## KNOWING YOUR PORTS

For an older generation of men who casually polished off one, two, three bottles of Port an evening, this para-
graph would be useless. But for Americans, who still think the ultimate desirable finish of dinner is a thick, sweetish liqueur, Ports should be explained.

Veritable Ports, mes enfants, come in five types: Vintage, Tawny, Crusted, Ruby and White.

Vintage Port is the wine of any good one year either kept separate or blended with an equivalent grade of the same year. It is duly fortified, as is ali Port, with Brandy distilled from Portuguese wine, kept in wood two or three years for slow maturing, and then bottled. It matures still further in bottles. It is the zenith of all Ports.

Tawny Port is usually a blend of wines of a number of different years and is matured in vats or casks, a process by which it loses some of its reddish tone and fades to the color of mahogany. Sometimes Tawny is made by blending red Port and white, which, according to the British, isn't cricket and, according to doctors, isn't fair to one's digestive organs. Real Tawny Port is never cheap.

Crusted Port differs from Tawny, in that the Crusted is darker and the body fuller. The "crust" is a sediment deposited on the side of the bottle. Crusted Ports are closely related to Vintage Ports but do not command such high prices. Before serving a Crusted Port, the bottle should be carefully decanted; often it is necessary to filter it.

Ruby Port is a blended wine sold when relatively young and still posessing a brilliant ruby color. The eye appeal of Ruby is obvious.

White Port, made from white grapes, is not a white wine color oddly enough; but a pale, clear tan. And whereas the other Ports are drunk after dinner at room temperature, White Port is now popular as an apéritif before dinner and some hostesses have even been known to chill it slightly.

## eating gifts

While a bottle of any good wine or spirits makes an acceptable Christmas gift for a man, it is also possible to select eating presents for the ladies, indeed for the whole family. We know of one man whose universal Christmas gift used to be to give pounds of the best procurable Vermont bacon. His name was blessed for many breakfasts by the entire family. Honey makes an acceptable gift, and if it comes in a fancy pot that can be used for flowers afterwards, so much the better. Cheeses saturated with wine are another favorite, or a basket of bottled herbs, of various wine vinegars, of mustards. The last two will delight those who take pride in their own table-made salad dressing. A smoked turkey is a princely gift and so is a superb Virginia ham. We also recommend fine fruits-superb pears and the best of apples and, if a greenhousegrown pineapple can be procured, (Continued on page 47)

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crown the basket with that. And what about a couple of pounds of some superb tea or coffee?

## RUM IN WINTER

Some spirits are distinctly seasonal in appeal, whereas others please the palate and serve noble purposes the full twelve months of the year. Rum is among those that never gather dust on the shelves. It has capacities for warming this chilled mortal frame either taken neat or mixed with water. Sugar and spices and a dab of butter make Hot Buttered Rum or, as it is called in its native Jamaica by the younger generation, "Hot Cha Cha". Hot Rum Toddy-made by dissolving sugar and hot water in a small tumbler, adding half a cocktail glass of Jamaica Rum and dressing with a slice of lemonwill give even the most wide-awake a solid warm night's sleep. A fine old rum can also stand beside a good cognac as an after-dinner finish without any apology to the most cultivated palate.

## GENTLEMAN'S RELISH

To write the history of some sauces, one would have to cover a goodly section of French history. To recount the lineage of some relishes and condiments, one would have to delve into the eight-eenth-century days of the British Empire. Patum Peperium, for instance, has always been known as "Gentleman's Relish". A paste conglomerated from fish and spices, it is a tangy spread for morning toast and also makes a simple and efficient appetizer with cocktails. For over a hundred years ruby-faced Englishmen at home and in far-flung colonies have jolted their palates into activity by this relish. One tastes it with reverence for the past, as though he were a White Stick at a coronation or bearer of the Sword of State at Delhi.

## the wine of gladnes

In the liturgy of good eating are some rubrics that have been observed for many generations. One has ham at Easter, salmon and green peas for July th, turkey for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and goose for New Year. At any of these seasons, except July 4th when Chablis or Mersault is more acceptible, champagne is the wine of gladness. We open the New Year with it. Its rising bubbles symbolize our as piring hopes for the forthcoming twelve months that are to be lived.

We intend to write no learned disquisition on champagne; rather let us consider a few of its uses. On state oc casions and times of rejoicing, a dry champagne makes the most pleasing of apéritifs. It can continue through the dinner and afterwards, supplanting at these times the usual after-dinner Scotch and soda. On lesser occasions use a natural champagne-a still wine without the bubbles. It is champagne before it develops energy. The best vintages of champagne within our immediate ken and purse are 1920, 1921, 1926 and 1928. The second choices are 1929 , 1933, 1934. Avoid 1922, 1927, 1930. as these years were poor. Remember also that English market champagnes are
distinguished by their extra dry quality, whereas the American taste runs to a sweeter champagne, which is especially desirable for the end of the meal to accompany dessert.

## PASSION FLOWER

Out of California, whence come many delights for the gourmet, are sent a marmalade and a delicate golden juice pressed from the fruit of the Passion Flower. In some countries Passiflora quadrangularis (what a name!) is called "granadilla". The fruit is among the most delicate that the Tropics produce and the preserves made from it have a subtle flavor that should not be missed under any circumstance.

There's another tropical fruit that may find its way to our tables eventually -the Sour Sop. The pressed pulp of this rather sweetish fruit makes a soothing hot-day drink.

## STAND THEM UP

Spirits and liqueurs are kept standing up and so is the solitary wine Madeira. All others are laid on their sides. By laying them down, the cork is kept wet and thus no air enters the bottle. Spirits, having been aged in wood before bottling, are mature and air does not affect them. They need not be kept cool, whereas wines should be about $55^{\circ}$.

## Caraway

Caraway, which is the dried fruit of Carum carvi, is known commercially as caraway seed. We all recognize it as an essential ingredient of rye bread. From its oil the popular cordial, Kümmel, is made. In Lebkuchen, pickles, Christmas candies and New Year's cakes we find the little seed imparting its characteristic zest. Internally it acts as a gastric stimulant-a carminative. It grows throughout Europe, is found in limited quantities in Africa, attains its maxi mum excellence in Holland. America likes it so much that we import 6,000 , 000 lbs . annually.

Gourmets who know their German cooking shake caraway seeds over French fried potatoes as they drain. The seeds adhere to each golden piece of potato and lend a delicious flavor. Clam chowder, cottage cheese, roast pork kidneys, liver, and sauerkraut all benefit through the cook's knowledge of how to make use of caraway

## CARAWAY COokies

## 2 eggs beaten light

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1 cup thick cream
3 teaspoons baking powder
3 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
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Pink quilting backs a modern bird design in turquoise, pink and green. Only about $25 \delta$ at Georg Jensen. The foreign flavor of this merry peasant scene is borne out in its bright colorings. Tiny striped bow in native Tyrolean shades. About 25 at Raymond \& Raymond. In keeping with the season are these white-and-silver berries with their green leaves on a white card. For about 15e from the National Alliance of Art \& Industry. Horse and rider decorate a bright yellow appliqued heart on shiny white paper dotted with gold stars. Around $15{ }^{\circ}$ at Georg Jensen. A parchment colored card carries a bright scene that is reminiscent of a past decade. From Raymond \& Raymond at a cost of about 50 e

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



A shiny white self-striped card has a gold bugle and pink-andwhite candystick tied with a fuchsia bow. Spots of bright red and green in the berries and leaves further epitomize Christmas spirit. For about $35 ¢$ at Georg Jensen. Madonna and child in blue, gold and soft red have a crinkled silver backing. About 35 e. The kneeling angel in soft blue with golden hair and crown on a white card is surrounded by three pink-and-gold candles. About 15e. These last two cards may be obtained at Gerard. More angels-this time a pair in all gold on a dull white parchment paper at about $15 \delta$ from Georg Jensen. A scrolled silver paper frames a very handsome scenic greeting in vivid Winter colors. Priced about $75 ¢$, this uniquely shaped card may be obtained at Gerard


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## HOUSE \& GARDEN'S

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The volume is illustrated with more than fifty reproductions from excellent photographs, each carrying a special bit of education beyond the reach of words as to just how a beautifol garden is put together. It is crowned with a competent index; and is one of those very unusual books which cannot be too highly praisedor too highly prized.

How to Know the Insects. By H. E. Jaques. Published by the Author: Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

A noticeable book for several reasons is this "manual for students in entomology" wearing as it does a "spiral binding" of gleaming wire endlessly disappearing through the sockets of the soft, orange tint of its imitation morocco cover. This is all on the outside of the volume.

Inside the cover, however, the material making up the pages is found to be reproduced by photography from typewritten pages, in which single spacing has been employed, and so reduce as to make it slow and almost painful reading. This seems a pitiable mistake to make in the opening pages of any book where a new acquaintance is to be made with the reader, and where the material so compacted consists of excellent instructions for the preparation and mounting of almost any collection of specimens.

And quite beyond an expression of regret is the carelessness displayed in some of the foundational statements which are naturally assumed to be ducational to the student, for example: the declaration that "Scientific names are in Latin and are the same the world over. They consist of two words; first a Latin noun known as the genus name (etc.)." But the genus name is Greek, in most cases if not in all, and the student who turns to his Latin dictionary for a little richer translation of the genus names fails to find them.

The learned professor, a few lines down the page, uses in his explanation of the method of construction of an insect's name that of Leptinotarsa as the genus part of the name of one of the beetles-a name formed by compounding two Greek words. It is hard to believe that the "error" is not in-tentional-but why?

On the other hand, too much praise cannot be given for the superior quality of the many illustrations used throughout the text-an interesting and accurate guide to a beginner which cannot fail to give him a start in a captivating branch of natural history.

## PLANTS-POPULAR AND UNPOPULAR

Plant Popularity. E. H. M. Cox, the famous Scotch garden amateur, haveing retired from the editorship of the New Flora and Silva after ten years of producing that excellent magazine, gives his five points that make for a plant's popularity:
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wash and dry two cups of currants Wash and dry one cup of seedless raisins. Cut in halves, one full cup of black seeded raisins. Prepare half a cup of mixed candied fruits by cutting them into small thin pieces. Put all of these fruits in a bowl and sprinkle them with one cup of flour in which you have sifted three-quarters of a teaspoon of salt, two tablespoons of cinnamon, one teaspoon of nutmeg, two teaspoons of ginger, one teaspoon of cloves, and a pinch of ground allspice. Toss the fruits around so that they will be well floured all over, then add them to the other ingredients. Now add the grated rind of one lemon and one orange. Next peel and chop fine enough tart apples to make two cups. Put them with the rest of the ingredients. Now in a separate bowl, beat six whole eggs well and stir them into the pudding. Last of all stir in half a cup of good brandy, and a teaspoon of vanilla. Now butter copiously a three quart pudding mold, or molds half that size if you prefer to make two puddings, and keep one for a future party. If you have no real pudding mold use earthenware mixing bowls. Next flour the mold or molds, as the case may be, and fill them with the pudding mixture, leaving a little room for the pudding to expand. If you have used a pudding mold, lay a small square of buttered and floured cloth over the pudding and put on the lid of the mold.

If you have used mixing bowls, wring out in cold water a square of heavy white cloth for each bowl, butter these cloths, flour them, and lay them over the bowls. Stretch smoothly and tie down securely with white cord, wrapping the cord around under the rim several times. Cut off the corners of the cloth to leave a deep, neat ruffle. Now put an inverted plate in the bottom of a kettle large enough to hold the pudding bowl. Set the bowl on the plate and pour boiling water around it up to the level of the top of the bowl. If you made two puddings, arrange the second one in the same manner in a separate pan. Cover and boil not too violently for six or seven hours adding more boiling water as necessary. When cooked (if it is to be eaten immediately) drain, remove the cloth, turn out carefully on a big plate with a deep rim, put a sprig of holly in the top, pour over it some heated brandy, light, and send it blazing to the table.

LEmon and vanilla sauce
Mix together one cup of sugar with two tablespoons of cornstarch. Add two cups of boiling water gradually, stirring constantly. Cook five minutes. Remove from fire. Add one-fourth pound of butter. Stir until melted. Add the juice and grated rind of one lemon and one teaspoon of vanilla. Serve hot.


June Platt's directions for folding a dinner napkin. Squares of bread or a flower are inserted as indicated by arrow, in figure 8

## PLANTS-POPULAR AND UNPOPULAR

turity and flower at a reasonable age
(3) The flower must be quite distinct, either in shape or color from its nearest relatives, or it must flower at a different time.
(4) The plant must be genuinely hardy.
(5) Propagation must be quickly and easily accomplished so that the plant can be sold at a reasonable price.

Bad Actors. One of our readers has written us his wife's experience with a plant. A nurseryman sold it to her as a sempervivum, whereas it proved to be, much to the discomfort and injury of the lady, euphorbia and one of
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## HARDWARE FOR YOUR HOME

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In the selection of hardware for your l home the three important considerations are style, function and quality. It is well to consult with your architect and with an experienced builder's hardware man in making your final decisions.

In the matter of style, it is, of course, important to select hardware that will be completely harmonious with the architectural design of your home. Manufacturers' stock patterns include reproductions of distinguished hardware in every important style, as well as adaptations and original designs. It should not be difficult to narrow your selection down to the appropriate style and then to choose the pattern which most appeals to you.

Function is another matter, and one which merits close attention. Manufacturers have devised locks and latches, for example, to suit every imag. inable requirement or set of conditions. When your hardware man knows your needs, in a specific case, he may be able to suggest a type of lock which will serve your purpose better than you had realized was possible.

It is common to find a garage door equipped with a lock as solid and as attractive looking as the lock on the front door. Yet that lock may not necessarily provide any security for the contents of the garage. The thief cannot enter by the door but he can force a window and then what is to prevent his unlatching the door from inside? The manufacturers' answer to this condition is a type of cylinder lock which cannot be opened from either side without the key. And, speaking of the front door, it very often happens that this door is secured with the best available lock and other hardware, while the rear door is so poorly equipped that even an amateur could open it.

## function and quality

So much for security. But, quite aside from security, this same matter of function extends itself to many other pieces of hardware throughout the house-casement operators and latches for French doors, the hardware appropriate to secret panels and many other installations of a special nature. In the selection of any of these the wide experience of your architect and hardware man should be of value in calling to your attention the various types of equipment which have been specifically designed.

Quality is another important item. The amount of money spent for hardware is not a very large percentage of the total cost of building, and good equipment will be a source of satisfaction long after the cost is forgotten. We do not advocate extravagance, especially where a limited budget must be adhered to, but we do suggest that the allotment for hardware not be cut below the sum which will provide attractive, durable equipment.

There is one more point about hardware which deserves attention. After you have carefully looked over your dealer's stock and have selected all the necessary locks and latches, hinges, escutcheons, door-closers, etc.-be sure that they are properly installed. If you
are building a new house your architect will, of course, give his personal supervision to the matter. But if you are remodeling, or bringing an old house up to date, ask your contractor to put his best carpenter on this job. The master carpenter is a true craftsman. His skill and experience will result in neat and accurate installation of your hardware, a consideration which it not only deserves but without which it cannot give satisfaction.

There are many new types of windows which are very well worth investigating. The aim of manufacturers has been to design a window, whether double-hung or of the casement type, which would always be easy to open or close, which would keep out wind and weather, which would neither bind nor rattle, and which would harmonize with any architectural scheme. They have succeeded admirably.

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Because the frame is as important as the sash in building a good window, many of these new types are sold as complete units, comprising frame, sash, sash balances (in the case of doublehung types) and all necessary hardware. This unit design is of further importance in that the windows are thereby made quite simple to install. The materials of which the new windows are made vary according to the manufacturers' design. Wood, steel, aluminum and bronze are all represented. Some have features which may be of importance in special cases. For example, there are types which, in addition to the units mentioned above, are also equipped with a storm sash and a screen. In Winter the close-fitting storm sash is fixed in the frame inside the regular sash, the casement windows being operated by special hardware without disturbing the storm sash. This type of window is especially valuable in cold climates and in locations exposed to high winds. In Summer, the storm sash is readily removed and a window screen substituted.

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The so-called "flush" door is also well worth investigating. This door derives its name from the fact that it is composed of unbroken surfaces on both faces instead of being divided into panels. One such door has a core built up of strips that cross each other diagonally, as in an egg crate, which makes for strength with lightness. Over this core is a sound-deadening and insulating material, the face of the door being composed of a plywood panel veneered with rare wood.

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