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## HOW YOU CAN MEET THE 50 PER CENT RISE IN BUILDING COSTS

BY WILLIAM W. WURSTER

Editor's note: As Dean of the School of Architecture and Planning at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Mr. Wurster's perspective on current building problems is national in scope; as one of America's most successful and productive small house architects (Wurster, Bernardi and Emmons, San Francisco) he speaks with the authority of long and varied experience.

$I_{T}$T is time to take stock in the house-building world.

The trends of development in the architectural profession and the building industry were altered by the depression years and, just when rising anew, were knocked into another set of shapes by the war needs. During this period from 1941 to 1946 all manner of technical advances were made in materials, geared to the purpose of war. With our quick optimism in these matters in America many rosy miracles found their way into the advertisements of "post-war homes" shown in our consumer and professional magazines. Promises have been made for everything under the sun-heatproof, cold-proof, dust-proof, and wear-proof things-even promises extending into eternity and infinity. But observe carefully-you will find few price tags.

At this moment the war is over and the building stocks are depleted. This depletion includes workmen and apprentices in the building trades as well as the materials. The total picture is further complicated by the lack of home building since 1930, the obsolescence of the old houses and the increase in the number of families resulting from the high marriage rate. All in all, it is generally agreed we lack some $3,000,000$ dwelling units. In breadth of vision the leadership which says we must start $1,200,000$ dwelling units in 1946 compares to the sights set by the goal of 50,000 planes per year during one of the early years of the war. Putting it tersely-we are down on the supply and up on the demand.

Building costs are higher now than in 1940; which is most natural, given the conditions just outlined. How much higher? There will be variance in opinion and measurable variance in different parts of the country, but in my judg. ment the average increase is about 50 per cent. From my experience in California and Massachusetts and from observation in the Middle West, I think this is a fair national
guess. Many will rightly claim costs are up a higher percentage than this, but I suggest any higher percentage is likely to reflect demands for special quality in materials and workmanship, rather than the run-of-the-mill. These special demands and luxurious expectations are doubtless due in some measure to those advertised promises for new and exotic devices. But what we need, and will be lucky to get, in the present emergency, is just good plain shelter.

Please be fair to your architect. In all probability your dreams and your budget never did meet, and now they are further apart by this 50 per cent rise. For most of us it is the money which is the fixed item and it is our demands which must give way-both cannot be rigidly fixed. Are you sure you need the latest gadgets now? Of course you have dreamed of them-but certain things can come later.

This is a plea for simplicity, that your money may buy space for you rather than an immediate series of complications which might later stifle potential growth.

At this point let me give you an idea of how the sizes of the moderate house run. During the early part of the war the demountable houses for war workers had 672 square feet with no basement, porch, or garage. The living room in such a house was $12^{\prime} \times 14^{\prime}$-the bedrooms and kitchen somewhat smaller. There was a living room, kitchen, bathroom and two bedrooms. It lacked the extra bathroom, the added bedroom, and the large living room of our dream. In all our thinking let us take 1000 square feet as the base for any permanent family residence.

To go now to the cost of construction let me cite the work just completed in building 100 houses at Massachusetts Institute of Technology for the married veterans who are returning to study. On August 8, 1945 the Administration accepted the overwhelming necessity for action. Briefly stated, here is the problem.

The veterans have been away from normal life and want all the elements of a home. Speed in building is important, for the veterans and their families are already here, many of them desperate. In our case at the Institute the houses must be temporary for they have to be placed on ground allotted for other future use. This means the structures should be demountable in order (Continued on the next page)
to have a high salvage value in selling when the need is over, so that the sum for amortization may be reduced. The cost must be as low as possible, so that the rent will not be too high; and each house must be a minimum size to lessen the cost of furniture and the monthly winter heating bill. With all these factors in mind, these very compact and simple plans were worked out. Both house areas are very much smaller than your ideal minimum. The house with 547 square feet plus porch was built for $\$ 3,985$, and the smaller one with 410 square feet plus porch was built for $\$ 2,863$ (each excluding utilities and land). Taking into account the porches, we find that the average cost per square foot was $\$ 6.75$. These houses (being temporary) have cedar posts for foundations, no fireplaces, are only partially painted on the exterior, and heated by gas-fired stoves. The houses are insulated with metal foil at floor, ceiling, and walls. In my judgment these same houses could have been built for $\$ 4.50$ per square foot in 1940, and we are just 50 per cent higher today.

I have gone into the above so carefully in order to convey to you how expensive the simplest thing is today in the building world. We shall never dig out of our troubles until we know the truth and seek remedies. Here you have the purchase of 100 houses, two types only, by an institution where experts cooperated to set the minimum possible standards for such things as insulation, heat capacity, and size. These minima were all set at a point which would do the job but with no luxury quality in materials or workmanship whatsoever, and inadequate space for permanent residence.

Buy space rather than fine wall finishes (they can always be applied-and rough surfaces do not immediately demand elegant furnishings.) All this is not written with the desire to dampen your enthusiasm, but rather to make you aware of the real situation so that you will scale down your demands to your purse and to the temper of the times. I know from experience that it is fun building to a minimum and I feel sure it is a national duty to do it.

FIVE ''MINIMUM' HOUSES DESIGNED IN CALIFORNIA BY W. W. WURSTER


Exceeding by 50 per cent the 1000 square feet minimum mentioned by Mr. Wurster in his article above, this plan makes one realize how small a thousand square feet really is. In computing the area of the house, the garage is not included.


Shown here is a more compact arrangement of approximately the same area as the house above. (Garage and porch not included.) Note that these plans begrudge a single inch for non-essentials, yet achieve an air almost of spaciousness.


863 SQUARE FEET
Containing almost exactly the square foot area considered by Mr. Wurster to be minimum for a permanent residence, this design proves that conventional accommodations in the very small house need be neither dull nor uninviting.


It is possible to get below the minimum 1000 square feet figure if family needs are simple enough. However, with no planned accommodations for children or guests, this design must be considered a special rather than typical solution.


In this scheme the living room alcove is used for sleeping, thereby saving enough space to provide an extra bath. Note the generally attractive appearance of all of these little houses.

## Inventive design

- From the work of some of America's most original and inventive architects have selected seven ideas which will be useful and stimulating both to the remodeler and the new home builder. Each of these details is . . . capable of being adapted to a variety of conditions and designs. In each case it is the principle, rather than the exact form in which we show it, that is especially worth remembering. A little of this kind of thinking, in the remodeling or planning of your house, will add zest and value to the finished product-and no less valuable fun to the doing.


THE WINDOWS ARE FIXED in their frames and ventilation is achieved through screened louvers above them. Plywood flaps control the amount of air admitted. Below the windows is a continuous line of drawers and cabinets. As shown in the sectional detail, at Left, the ventilating louvers are tucked up under the overhanging eave so that rain cannot enter. This design is by John B. Yeon of Portland, Oregon, who has used this particular device with great success in several houses he has designed in the Northwest.


ANOTHER SPACE SAVER is this drawer and cabinet unit which takes the place of a balustrade at the edge of a stair well. A curtain can be drawn across to give a sense of enclosure, or moved aside for maximum summer ventilation. This design also is by architect Carl Koch of Boston. (2)


EXTERIOR LIGHTS set in the overhang of the roof beyond the windows of this California living room not only furnish a dramatic general illumination but also enable one to enjoy the view, since there are no confusing reflections from lights inside the room. Interior lighting is, of course, provided for reading and other special purposes. Harwell Hamilton Harris was the designer.


THIS PLANT BOX, in the home of architect George Daub, of Philadelphia, is so arranged that air at floor level passes under the galvanized iron trough, is warmed by the radiator and rises between the window and the plants. The double advantage of protecting the plants from cold and concealing the radiator is, in this way, handsomely achieved.


A BUILT-IN BUFFET occupies one wall of this house by Carl Koch. The wall is of vertical oak flooring, tilted (see sketch) to create a light-trough at the top. Drawers and cupboards are recessed in a box which forms a work counter in the kitchen beyond. This device saves space in a small room at the expense of another room which presumably has more than enough.


FOR SHADE AND PRIVACY at one end of a porch, architect W. C. Behrendt designed this screen of vertical louvers. Made of plain boards set on end, they are fixed in position and admit the breeze boards set on end, they are fixed in position and admit the breeze
at the same time that they serve their other functions; this is a good instance of simple, inexpensive, but effective design.


With sliding sash closed.


A SLIDING PARTITION glazed with patterned glass comprises the upper half of this wall in a house designed by George Fred Keck of Chicago. The room in the foreground is used as a game room or overflow guest room. The living room is beyond. By sliding the sash back into the wall recess, the two rooms become, in effect, one.

# Gingerbread house 

HOW IT GREW UP, FLOURISHED, AND HOW IT HAS FALLEN

## BY RICHARDSON WRIGHT

$\boldsymbol{F}_{\text {Rom time to time the tides of taste have washed up some }}$ strange things into our homes, and among them the strangest was that flotsam which can best be described as gingerbread. It had drifted a long way-from sentimental Germany through England to our own domestic shores. And there were many reasons why we gathered it in.

Our own country, prospering after its recovery from a debauch of civil war, accepted the thinking which ran through the upper grades of society in England and on the Continent. This philosophy was called Progress. More and better machines turned out more and better goods and sold them in wider and wider markets. Scientific advancement aspired to explain away all mysteries and banish the supernatural from belief. The conscience of business was uninhibited. Make lots of money and prove that you were prosperous by accumulating lots of possessions was the ambition of the times. The good life was the materially prosperous, life. Although we have since found how false is this fetish of Progress, still many Victorians believed that there was no end to their prosperity.

The English reigning family was strongly tinctured with German blood and from it the people took their taste and we, in turn, took it for our own. It brought us many lovely domestic customs which we cherish to this daythe Christmas tree and the thickly iced gingerbread man. It also brought in the heavy hand to the furnishing of rooms. Layer on layer of heavy curtains proved that the owner could afford good and plenty of them. Upholstery was padded and obese. Fringe sprouted everywhere. No flat surface-table, mantel or shelf-was allowed to exist without its crowded quota of gimcracks. Walls grew clotted with heavily framed pictures or atrocious ornaments. So many were the kinds and number of furniture pieces in a room that traffic around it was restricted to narrow lanes between them. The gingerbread man's heavy icing was evident on every hand.

Meantime dignified Georgian furniture was hauled off to attics or sold for a song. In England the cottager and workman alone stuck to their simplicity, for the simple
reason that they could not afford to do otherwise. These evidences of progress were not for the lower orders. Nevertheless, some of the gewgawed taste filtered down to their level. It is significant that the earliest stirring of modern taste in Germany bore sociological aspects-it was an effort to supply sound, simple and inexpensive furniture to working and peasant classes. But it was not to be theirs alone. Soon French cabinetmakers adopted those simple, sturdy forms-and executed them in rare and expensive woods. So even this revolt against gingerbread was merely a more precious continuation of that same lots-of-money-lots-of-show philosophy that induced Victorians to crowd their rooms with collections of junk and befringed assortments of furniture.

In recent years decoration, determined to rid itself of a heritage of lushness that seemed destined to recur, has sought inspiration from the Orient. In those lands of the Far East, possessions are never displayed en masse. A few precious objects of great beauty and perfection mark the horizon of a cultured man's desiring. They are shown one at a time. Each has its day, while the others are kept in careful storage. Their rooms offer the serenity of uncluttered space and their colors are subtly related to maintain this serenity. They are expressions of an inner peace, of a philosophy ages old which knew that the only lasting progress is that which goes on inside a man.

There will always be gingerbread houses and gingerbread rooms because, in one way or another, there will always be gingerbread people-people dazzled by the icing. And here and there in each generation are sufficient other people to whom the glitter of display is the least of their desires. You know to what group people belong the moment you step inside their houses. The gingerbread people make a great noise; the others enjoy great peace.

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1. CERAMIC TILES
2. OAK PLANKING
3. GLASS TILES
4. RUBBER TILES
5. CORK TILES
6. LINOLEUM
7. TERRAZZO
8. RUBBER WITH MARBLE CHIPS
9. MAGNESIUM OXYCHLORIDE
10. CONCRETE
11. WOOD TILE
12. MACASSAR EBONY PARQUETRY
13. OAK PARQUETRY

Onthe basis of the physical properties, flooring materials may be roughly grouped into three general categories: (1) wood of all types, (2) masonry and other hard materials, and (3) resilient floors. Architects are in the habit of grouping flooring materials in this manner since most physical characteristics within each of the separate divisions are roughly similar. The range of color, texture, pattern, and design versatility within each group is so wide that a material of desirable appearance may always be found in any of the three divisions.

Every room in the house presents one or more specialized requirements. The very properties of a flooring material which make it unsuitable for one use may make it superior for another. Therefore, the following notes should not be considered as indicating comparative merit in a relative sense.

Under the traffic of the average home, all flooring materials have sufficient longevity to make durability of less moment than such properties as appearance, maintenance, sanitation, slipperiness, resistance to indentation, resistance to liquids and chemicals, and other factors.

Hall and vestibule floors, aside from being easy to clean, should be able to withstand the most exacting service. Kitchen flooring should be resistant to water, grease, fruit juices, and other kitchen spillage. It should not be dangerously slippery when wet. Resilience, although often a requirement, is sometimes inconsistent in a given floor material with the other required properties. Laundries and bathrooms have similar essentials, except that staining or damage may result from alkalis or chemicals. Warmth and resilience in a flooring material are usually not properties of the impervious floorings commonly used in the bathroom, so the bath mat makes its appearance.

Bedrooms, living rooms, and dining rooms usually have rugs or carpeting which relieve the flooring of any responsibility except appearance. The danger of rugs slipping under foot is rarely traceable to the flooring material itself but more often to waxing or polishing.

In general, concrete, wood, or other types of sub-floors upon which the finish flooring is laid must be dry, smooth, solid, and as much below the final level as the thickness of the finished construction requires.

Baseboards may be of the same material as the floors themselves or of an entirely different material. A variety of base forms are diagrammed on the following two pages.

Here is a brief summary of the physical characteristics of best-known floorings. Because every room is a separate decorative and performance problem, be prepared to give your home the benefit and the interest of the most suitable material for each of the living spaces.

ASPHALT TILE has low initial cost, durability, wide color range in plain and marbleized types, good resistance to weak alkalis and acids, will tolerate some dampness from the under floor, and is quiet. Asphalt tiles should not be used where there are conditions of excessive heat, grease, oils, gasoline, or other hydrocarbon liquids. It is resilient, has very low inflammability, and is non-slippery. Greaseproof asphalt tile is made especially for kitchens. Heavy furnishings or equipment should be placed on broad base gliders to prevent indentation. Asphalt tile is most satisfactory when laid over a concrete sub-floor. Mild soaps may be used for cleaning, and appearance is improved when finished with water emulsion waxes.

CERAMIC FLOOR TILE is manufactured of clay which is fired at a high temperature. The most common type for interior use is known as "ceramic mosaic." Manufactured in small units up to about $2^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{\prime \prime}$ in hexagonals, rectangles and squares. Another type is "quarry" tile in various sizes from $23 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ to $9^{\prime \prime}$ squares. Tiles for floors are normally not glazed and come in a wide range of colors, plus black and white. They have a relatively non-slip surface. (Glazed wall tiles should never be used on floors subject to hard wear.) A special type of floor tile is manufactured containing an abrasive aggregate to provide a minimum of danger from slipping. Ceramic tile has very low sound absorption. Ceramic floor tile is non-resilient and cold to touch. It is practically impervious to liquids, grease, and chemicals. It is durable and easily cleaned.

CONCRETE is particularly desirable as a finish flooring for unusually difficult conditions of service. Many satisfactory concrete paints are available, or the concrete can be colored integrally. Scorings may be used to give scale and pattern. Concrete is fireproof, permanent, sanitary, hard, unharmed by water, cold to the touch, and noiseless. Precast concrete flagstones are chiefly popular out of doors
but make interesting floors in some indoor locations.
CORK TILES are made of granulated cork compressed under heat, which causes the naturally contained lignin to flow and bind the particles together into a relatively impervious but extremely resilient material. Cork rates high in sound absorption, warmth, ease of maintenance, and excellent durability. Colors are different shades of brown. After laying, cork tile must be sanded and then treated with a filler and surface finish. It may then be waxed if desired.

LINOLEUM is made in a variety of types: (1) Both Battleship and Plain come in solid colors, (2) Jaspé is a two-tone coloring in striations, (3) marbleized has a mixture of colors more resembling a cake than actual marble. (4) Inlaid comes in many varieties and patterns. Assembled on a common backing separate units are joined to form a single sheet. (5) Embossed is usually an inlaid with grooves pressed at the joints between the units.

Linoleum is quiet, warm, resilient, and long. wearing. Waxing and polishing will add to the life and beauty of the floor and will increase the resistance to wear, staining, attack by acids or alkalis in the concentrations usually encountered in the home. Linoleum should be laid only over a completely smooth sub-flooring.

MAGNESIUM OXYCHLORIDE CEMENT has been widely used as ship decking, in street cars, subways, and railroad coaches, and now holds promise for residence use. It is light, resilient, non-combustible, non-slipping, free of cracking, durable, and unharmed by ordinary chemicals. Available in unusually brilliant colors. Use under conditions of excessive dampness is not recommended.

RUBBER TILE has properties of resilience, ease of cleaning, resistance to stain, durability, and quietness. Rubber tile is permanently injured by grease, oils, strong alkalis, gaso-

THE FLOOR ENDS AT THE TOP OF THE BASEBOARD
prefinished wood base of sanitary profile. terrazzo hospital type with sanitary cove at the floor line. METAL which provides a raceway for telephone or electric wires. molded asphalt may match the floor or border and may be used with other flooring materials. linoleum is formed on the job with a cove at the floor line. marble AND WOOD may be of any desired profile. convection heating is provided by air which passes through channels in the metal base and is warmed by steam or hot water. radiant heat from the hollow cast iron carrying hot water eliminates the usual radiators.


PREFINISHED WOOD


TERRAZZO


METAL
line, or other hydrocarbon solvents. Rubber tile should not be used over excessively warm sub-floors, as over a boiler room. The use of an approved water wax as a surface finish applied in thin coats is approved by manufacturers.
terrazzo flooring consists of cement mortar, known as the "matrix," in which marble chips, called the "aggregate," are mixed. After the flooring is poured and troweled it is ground with machines to expose the color of the aggregate. Pigments may also be added to the matrix for color effect. Division strips of metal or plastics are employed to create a pattern and to localize structural cracks. The floors are sanitary, permanent, non-resilient, and cold to the touch. In residential work, terrazzo is particularly suitable for the bathroom and foyer.

WOOD is the most widely used of all flooring materials because of its combination of aesthetic versatility, availability, precedent, ease of installation, warmth, particular type of resilience, permanence, resistance to indentation, durability, and first cost.

Wood flooring is most often laid in strips which are tongued and grooved and blind-nailed. Another form of wood flooring is plank in uniform or random width, often laid with butterfly keys or pegs to simulate old methods. Parquetry flooring makes use of short lengths of strip floorings laid in many designs such as herring. bone, checker board, and other more or less complicated patterns and borders.

Among the recent developments in wood flooring is the prefabricated block type in which plywood or strip flooring is assembled into a square tile varying from $9^{\prime \prime}$ to $12^{\prime \prime}$ in size. These are completely finished in the factory so that no further treatment is required when they have been installed. Another relatively new type is factory finished strip flooring.

The deciduous (hard) woods are commonly finished by staining, waxing, shellacking, or varnishing to allow the grain to be seen. The conifer (soft) woods are frequently used with an opaque deck paint finish; or as the under flooring for linoleum, synthetic tiles and other resilient floorings; but may also be stained and finished as are the hard woods.

Shellac with a wax finish maintained at all times provides an attractive durable floor. Floor seals provide: 1) minimum slipperiness when waxed, 2) less luster than
varnish or shellac, 3) a minimum of maintenance, 4) worn spots may be patched without refinishing the entire floor. Varnish requires several days for finishing, and for that reason is not widely used.

The water emulsion wax finishes for wood floorings have, under Bureau of Standards' tests, exhibited better anti-slip properties than either paste or spirit wax.

The cost of wood flooring is dependent upon its "grade." Wood flooring is graded for uniformity of color, absence of defects, and direction of grain. When flooring is sawed from the log so that the finished surface is parallel to the annular rings of the tree it is called "flat sawn." Since the swelling and shrinkage of flooring is in the direction of the annular rings this type is not only more likely to sliver but to also show cracks or bumps. When the flooring is cut at right angles to the annular rings of the tree it is called "quarter sawn" or "edge grain." In this case any movement of shrinking or swelling occurs in the thickness of the wood when laid rather than in its width. Therefore, it is longer wearing, free from slivering, and is less likely to show bumps or cracks.

OTHER TYPES OF FLOORING have special characteristics of appearance or performance. Glass tiles, set in a grillage of concrete or metal, make a translucent floor suitable over otherwise dark spaces such as basement rooms under terraces, or for dramatic decorative effects with illumination beneath. Rubber terrazzo utilizes synthetic rubber into which marble, cork, or other aggregates are mixed to provide a floor with a wide color range, warmth, quietness, resilience, water resistance, and absence of cracks. It can be installed over almost any type of sub-floor. Slate flagging, marble, and sawed stone provide a versatile palette for the designer where color and durability are needed. Wood paving blocks and short slices of logs set in concrete make an interesting and natural floor for rooms where it is desired to catch the spirit of the outdoors. Brick is similarly used for its informal natural effect. An asbestos tile made with plasticizers achieves complete resistance to grease, moisture, acids, and alkalis. It has high resilience, low maintenance cost, durability and wide color range. Cork Carpet has normally been made $1 / 4$ inch thick and 6 feet wide in brown and green, producing a relatively low cost floor of considerable resiliency but of less durability than the thicker cork tile. Indentation should be avoided by means of gliders.


MOLDED ASPHALT


LINOLEUM


MARBLE AND WOOD


CONVECTION


RADIANT


THE PROBLEM: TO BUILD MORE WINDOW AREA INTO THIS HOUSE


FIRST FLOOR ONLY; PARTLY SHADED EXPOSURE

This solution is suggested for cases in which the rear of the house (shown here) is so oriented that sun control is not a major problem. Assuming that the living room is the section of the house being treated, the device illustrated ABove would add appreciable floor space to the room, at the same time affording the desired expanse of window. Full length windows, or glass doors, are alternatives.


FIRST FLOOR ONLY; SUNNY EXPOSURE

Where the side of the house to be treated faces full south, or nearly so, the proposed larger windows may need to be shielded in some manner so that the summer sun will not enter the room. The addition of a simple porch-which could of course be carried across the entire house - serves this purpose adequately and permits full length windows or French doors to be used. The porch itself is an asset.

## for old houses

Of all the questions we are asked by people who want to remodel an old house, the most frequently recurrent is: "Can I put larger windows in my house without spoiling its appearance?" Naturally, it can be done; but a little discretion and good judgment are needed. Selecting as our prototype a very common small house design, LEFT, and assuming that glass areas may be added at the rear, toward a lawn or garden, we show below four variations designed to accomplish different results.


FIRST AND SECOND FLOOR; SUNNY EXPOSURE

The above solution shows a maximum use of glass on a façade which gets the full sun. Here the overhang to supply shade in the summertime consists of an extension of the roof over the second floor windows and a similar function is served by the porch floor over the first floor windows. Keep these projections narrow enough to admit the winter sun which holds to a lower orbit.


FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS; PARTLY SHADED EXPOSURE

Twin bays extending the full height of the wall provide large windows in what might be presumed to be the living room and dining room on the ground floor and two bedrooms upstairs. This design has considerable vertical accent and would perhaps be most successful where there is an attached garage, high garden wall, or other feature which would have a balancing effect, tying the house to its site.


# As it was bought 

## As remodeled

Larger and more usable areas were formed by shifting the entry and stairwell into an addition at the right of the house, (See floor plans on next page) and by squaring up the lines of the building. Extra sun and light floods through the open east side of the roof extension into the third floor guest room and balcony

## Dramatially yemodeded

THE FRANK H. SLOSS RESIDENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO

- This house, remodeled by architect Francis E. Lloyd, is an example of what skill, imagination, and a rejection of the conventional remodeling panaceas can accomplish. It indicates the possibilities inherent in many ornate and unimaginative houses of its era. Because of its run-down condition, the owners bought the old house at a price that permitted devoting a major share of the available funds to drastic alterations; while the location of the lot, and the soundness of foundations and frame, made it worth
the venture. They wanted a house possessing dignity, comfort, and simplicity. The magnificent view of the Bay and Golden Gate, apparently ignored in planning the original structure, became an added advantage. The plan was generally simplified; exterior Victorian icing and many interior partitions were removed. Frances Mihailoff, the decorator, keyed the general interior color scheme to a Degas painting; sand-gray and grayed-turquoise, with yellow and yellow-rust accents. Interiors are shown on the following pages.



LOOKING dOWN ON THE OPEN DECK which is outside the living room, overlooking a panorama of San Francisco. Wing walls and planting boxes on two sides screen out the roofs of surrounding buildings. Thomas D. Church did the landscaping.

recessed ceiling lights above the living room book wall, RIGHT, aid in identifying titles and diffuse a general illumination. In the corner, next to the fireplace, are built-in cabinets for storage of phonograph records. Other supplementary storage space is provided below the bookshelves.

THE BULLT-IN BAR, LEFT, in a traffic-free corner of the living room brings hospitality direct to the consumer; a good example of intelligent, specialized storage. In the photograph beLow, the bar at far right is shown closed.



the fireplace wall is veneered; curtains are sand-gray, hand-blocked in rust and yellow; rug is deeper sand-gray. There are accents of turquoise and yellow-rust.



## WIRING mustivemast botes

THE best appliances are only as good as the wiring that keeps them going. Good wiring means well mapped wiring throughout the home. It means enough circuits, properly protected, and plenty of outlets to accommodate new appliances you may acquire. Good wiring results in all equipment working at peak efficiency-perfect timing on your range-full tumbler action for washer and dryer-every smallest unit under proper control.

The technicalities of wiring leave to a good electrician. But you should be able to tell him, as you would your architect, what your scale of living is, electrically-what you want and where, now and for the future. The charts on these pages are graphic check lists to help you choose the appliances you wish and to understand the wiring they need. These are based on a recent consumer study by Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

## A GOOD BEGINNING

The chart at right is the basic pattern for electrical living. Fundamental equipment is all here, properly wired. Range (2), water heater (1) and furnace (4) need individual appliance circuits because of their heavy loads. Refrigerator (16), washer (37), ironer (19), toaster (10), and iron (20) are on a separate appliance circuit, and the smaller appliances ( $24,25,26,28,29,30$, 32,18 ) are wired to a general purpose circuit.

## BIGGER AND BETTER

At the top of the opposite page we have charted the next step in convenient living. In addition to the basic equipment in our first chart, a dishwasher (7) has been added; also an electronic air cleanser (3) which rids the house of dust and pollen. An automatic clothes washer (8) replaces the wringer type (37) in the first chart, and more small appliances ( $21,22,23,10,11,14$, 36,29 ), radios ( 15 ), better lighting (27), heaters (31) and a sun lamp (35) add greater comfort.

## THE BEST YET

The lower chart on the opposite page shows the complete picture of good living electrically today. Garbage disposer (6), clothes dryer (9), home freezer (17) and air cooler (5) are major additions. More fluorescent tubing and circular units (27) for lamps bring home-lighting up to the best standards. Bathroom heaters are built in (31), additional kitchen appliances ( 12,13 ), fans, radios (15), heating pads, blankets $(33,34)$.

## A GOOD BEGINNING




THE BEST YET


## KEY TO CHARTS

A Good Beginning（opposite page）shows the essential electrical equipment；Bigger and Better（top）is an electrical step up； The Best Yet（bottom）represents the acme of electrical efficiency．Read each chart from bottom left，from heavy equip－ ment to small appliances．
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INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT CIRCUIT
APPLIANCE CIRCUIT
GENERAL PURPOSE CIRCUIT
A－SERVICE FEEDER
B－MAIN CONTROL CENTER
C－BRANCH CONTROL CENTER
1－WATER HEATER
2－RANGE
3－ELECTRONIC AIR CLEANSER
4－FURNACE
5－AIR COOLER
6－GARBAGE DISPOSER
7－DISHWASHER
8－AUTOMATIC WASHER
9－DRYER
10－TOASTER
1）－WAFFLE MAKER
12－ROASTER
13－COFFEE MAKER
14－MIXER
15－RADIO
16－REFRIGERATOR
17－HOME FREEZER
18－SEWING MACHINE
19－IRONER
20－HAND IRON
21－HOT PLATE
22－TOOL BENCH MOTOR
23－SOLDERING IRON
24－CLOCK
25－KITCHEN VENTILATOR
26－INCANDESCENT LAMPS
27－FLUORESCENT LAMPS
28－VACUUM CLEANER
29－FAN
30－RADIO－PHONOGRAPH
31－BATHROOM HEATER
32－PORTABLE HEATER
33－HEATING PAD
34－HEATING BLANKET
35－SUN LAMP
36－ROOM AIR CONDITIONER
37－WRINGER TYPE WASHER

## Four seasons in a small garden

- From his experience in the camouflage corps, landscape architect Lou Bernard Voigt of Washington learned a fascinating and simple way to help his clients visualize what the gardens he designs for them will look like. So simple is it that any amateur with a knack for painting can make his own overlays of seasonal flowering.

First select a point from which to visualize the projected garden and make a wash drawing of its shape, walks, existing trees, etc. This will be the pattern on which the four seasons will be laid.

Next take four sheets of transparent plastic, such as acetate, of the same size as the original outline drawing. On the first add such shrubbery and trees as you plan to plant and the spring flowering of bulbs and early perennials. The colors are laid on in tempera paints. Place this over the first drawing and you see what the garden will look like in spring. Do the same for summer, autumn and winter.

This simple visualization prevents costly mistakes-unhappy color combinations and getting plants that are out of scale with their immediate fellows. In the course of assembling information on the mature height, breadth, color and type of foliage of each plant group, a vast amount of (Continued on page 165)



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First draw an outline of the garden, then paint in tempera on transparent plastic sheets the seasonal flowers, as ABove, and lay them over the outline to produce the changes seen below.


SPRING


AUTUMN


SUMMER


WINTER


## Out you go



TAKE A TURN ON A TERRACE...

Americans come from good porch stock. It's a tradition, like being in a hurry and self-improvement. Give us a hint of summer and the urge to get up and get outside persists like the buzz of a mosquito. We've spread out and up a long way since the broad front piazza on the tree-shaded street was standard equipment.

Whether you're a contemporary cave dweller, shelved into a great apartment house, or a modest land owner with a fiftyfoot frontage, there's always a way to contrive outdoor summer living space.

All terraces don't have to be fastidiously paved with old flagstones or bordered in brick. Porches are as much a state of mind as a fact. Two right angle walls, a circus awning (like the one in color at the LEFT), and the ground beneath your feet create a fine corner for outdoor living. Arbor, overhang or a wning casts a fine shadow for a lawn porch. If you do decide to plant your furniture right on the greensward see to it that its legs are thick enough not to sink, spindling into the earth. And survey the land to make sure it will drain off easily and not emulate a peat bog after each rain.

Aimless lawns or overexpansive turf may be sharply defined into an outdoor leisure area with frivolous walls. The Swedish enclose space by movable boxes planted with ivy-draped high trellises. Just a corner may be set off, or a whole "room". This is excellent privacy insurance for front yard problems. White window boxes overflowing with small, window box tomatoes make an entrancing botanical boundary for a lawn parlor against a white house. In autumn, the plants may be changed to golden poufs of chrysanthemums. (See page 150 for window box ideas.) The simplest of all fencing fantasies is the snow fence, which has a natural and pleasing serpentine effect between supports. Painted blue, yellow, white, what-you-will, and paced off at the bottom by vivid geraniums in matching pots, it's successful and amenable to change. (Continued on page 134)

DOWN TO EARTHORSKY HIGH


- Snack tables of frosted amber maple with the adaptability of Chinese tea tables. They're agile for garden buffets with room for plate-resting, $16^{\prime \prime}$ by $16^{\prime \prime}$. Two make a coffee table, four a card table. W. \& J. Sloane, New York.


Neath the shade of the old apple tree, lunch or dine on this table that pushes easily and has extending wings for ample room. Dine-a-cart in white enamel finish-compact as a tea cart, $23^{\prime \prime}$ by $38^{\prime \prime}$-extended, $38^{\prime \prime}$ by $421 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ at Macy's, New York; The Dayton Co., Minneapolis.


- Practically perfect for a lawn, cast aluminum furniture with curved feet that won't sink into the grass. It looks like hand wrought iron but is light as down. Serving table, coffee table; gay, duck-covered couch. From Stix-Baer \& Fuller, St. Louis.
- Turn your terrace into a lounge with this enameled
birch furniture. The Saran plastic strapped seat and back contrast in color to the frame. The chair is from John Wanamaker's, New York; Robert Keith Inc., Kansas City.


- Add beach cabaña gaiety with a sectional bar for buffet or counter dining. It's a lunch-time luxury for busy gardeners. In combed maple with center section, end section, and stools with sailcloth seats at W.\&.J. Sloane, New York.
- Pretty enough for a penthouse and practical for city living, this wrought iron furniture knocks down into pieces easily stored away in the winter months. Chairs and dining table are from Hammacher Schlemmer; Mayfair Co., Inc. Albany.

- A table to go 'round in merry, help yourself style! For less confusion in a compact area, pass your drinks in lazy-susan fashion on a table top that revolves on a steel ball bearing race. $36^{\prime \prime}$ in diameter, white enamel finish. Halle Bros. Cleveland; Lammert Furniture Co.. St. Louis.


TURN TO THE TERRACE FOR SUMMER LIVING

- Flagstone, fresh-air drawing room with the feel of cool living has an ash chaise and casual armchair with the look of rattan. Pick plain or striped cotton upholstery or plan on a pattern. For reading, a lamp table; for cocktail hospitality, a low table. All from L. Bamberger \& Co., Newark; Jordan Marsh, Boston. Protect them with shade and a rain break.


## Something new can be added

AT LAST-ENJOY THE LOOK, THE FEEL-OF NEW BED AND BATH LINENS!


above. Convert bathing into a delicious ritual on hot summer days, with Callaway's plain textured terry towels. Contrasting, two-toned embroidered border and monogram, extra. Powder blue, dusty rose, nile green, yellow. Seven-piece set includes two extra size bath towels ( $27^{\prime \prime} \times 50^{\prime \prime}$ ), two hand towels, two wash cloths, bathmat. Mosse, Inc. The Scranton Craftspun shower curtains of Vinylite (plastic film) wave a striped design of blue, green or rose across a crystal ground. Matching window curtains with ruffled borders. Available in leading department stores.

TOP LeFt. Sing in your shower, encircled by crisp, just-out-of-the-box Koroseal shower curtains in a colerful pattern. A good combination-chartreuse, pink, green and coral stripes on a white background. Other smart ones available, with matching window curtains. Wamsutta-Somerset's terry towels with diagonal borders, in white, blue, gold, peach or pink. In leading department stores. A fillip for your bathroom shelf: Helena Rubinstein's Body Smooth, Liquid Sunshine. Lord \& Taylor. Fixtures, Briggs.

Left. Spread a pristine bath rug under your feet, such as this oval one by Lady Christina. Short, uncut loops in blue, dusty rose, pink, yellow, aqua, beige, lavender, grey, peach or white. Cannon terry towels in pastels and white. Add rayon taffeta shower curtains by Textron in a silver or white fern design on blue, rose, or white, or white on peach, red, yellow, green and blue. At leading department stores.


- Pamper yourself with blankets-thick, light, infinitely soft, like the Springfield ones above, in the dream colors shown, as well as dusty rose. Fitting partners are the Supercale sheets by Wamsutta in scalloped, eyelet and feather-stitched styles. These blankets and sheets at hetter stores throughout the country. For bath time luxury, Martex self-textured towel sets; left in this green; also in white, blue, straw, rose, Mosse, Inc., top, in these same colors, plus peach, Lord \& Taylor. Bath crystals, Helena Rubinstein, porcelain jar, Mottehedeh.


## LINEN CLOSET LUXURY

IN A TRIUMPHANT RETURN


## BASIC BOUNTYFOR GOOD COOKING THE WORLD OVER

## WEDDING PRESENT TABLE

LEFT: formal yet lighthearted, a setting for a gala dinner with silver, china, glass and linen to enchant the fortunate bride who receives them as gifts. Fine lace and linen runners bracket the gleaming mahogany table, chime well with the Chinoiserie pattern of Wedgwood's Charmwood china, the traditional shapes of Cambridge's finely cut Bijou glasses. In sympathy with the 18th century elegance of the setting is the new sterling pattern, Onslow by The Tuttle Silver Company, Boston; with its three-tined forks and pistol-handled knives which may stand, as here, or lie conventionally upon their sides. Linen, Mosse; epergne and candelabra, Robert Ensko; table, Needham's Antiques; candles, from Will \& Baumer. More details on page 136.

- Let sour cream whet winter-weary appetites and revive raddled menus. It can raise the commonplace to the superb. From the Balkans to Bird-in-Hand, Pennsylvania, it's the crème de la crème of kitchen strategems.

To the uninitiated, sour cream is too often confused with health diets, or bad borscht. Commercially soured cream is no kin to sweet-turned-sour. It's as carefully processed as Grade A milk. The tantalizing, faint tartness is nursed along by the addition of a special culture or starter. Its consistency is that of smooth custard. If you can resist it, it will keep two weeks when properly stored and refrigerated.

Soups to sweets, hors d'œuvres to hot breads, sour cream has a use. Filch as your own the foreign ways of using it. The Russians, the Bohemians use it as lavishly as the French do butter. The Scandinavians have a way with it for fish. The Austrians and Hungarians thicken and enrich their wonderful gravies with it. It's good hot or cold. But a warning, all sour cream cooking must be done at a low temperature to avoid curdling and for gravies it must be blended in just before serving.

Use it for hors d'œuvres; try it on ice-cold radishes, on raw cauliflowerettes and grated beets or mixed raw vegetables. Pickled herring and cole slaw marinated in sour cream may be traditional, but have you tried cream or cottage cheese mixed with sour cream, spiked with lemon juice, salt and chopped chives to serve with potato chips?

Beet soup or borscht is not the only soup with a special affinity for sour cream. Sorrel, cabbage, cucumber, mushroom, potato, cream of pea, tomato and fruit soups are all the better for the stirring in of a few spoonfuls just before serving. Fortify Vichyssoise with it. Spoon it over jellied consommé flavored with sherry, or madrilene, then dust each dollop with a pinch of curry powder and grated onion.

In the old countries, they bake fish in a white sauce made with a little butter, flour, fish stock and sour cream. Hardcooked eggs minced and grated Parmesan cheese may be added to this sauce for pleasing diversity.

A cucumber sour cream sauce will snap up a bland fish, make history on a salmon or white fish mousse. Ramekins of cooked shrimp and mushrooms heated in seasoned sour cream with paprika for color and Worcestershire sauce for savor are banquet fare. Brown the masterpiece with a little grated cheese sprinkled on top. To really flatter fried oysters, try them just once with a benison of sour cream and horseradish mixed. It's the gourmet touch.

Sour cream can be to vegetables what butter
(Continued on page 129)

# Repairing, Replanning, Restyling 

## THE THREE R'S OF REMODELING

## Right now it may be possible to remodel

an existing house more easily than to buy or build a new one, so here is a chronological outline of the proper procedure.


1
A PHYSICAL CHECK-UP. Somewhere in the life of every building it passes a point where the cost of remodeling becomes out of proportion to the increase of livability that results. Structural soundness is the most important factor in eletermining whether it is feasible to remodel. The structure itself must be basically good -plumb and level, foundations solid, timbers and framing not weakened. This is true whether the remodeling is to involve maintenance repairs, changes in the plan or mechanical equipment to make the house more comfortable and convenient, or a face-lifting to improve appearance of the interior or exterior.

If the house is one you already live in, you will be pretty familiar with the structural soundness of the building. But, if you are considering the purchase of an existing house to remodel, it would be wise to interview the former occupants as well as to have a reputable builder make an inspection for you. The builder may do this gratis on the hope that te will later do any work that you
decide to undertake. If you prefer not to be under even a slight obligation to any one contractor, offer to pay him for his inspection trip.

The present difficulty of attempting new construction may very well lead to the remodeling of a poorer structure than would normally be advisable. Then, too, familiarity with a neighborhood or sentimental attachment for the house might lead you to accept some deficiencies. The house might have sufficient historical or archeological interest to make it worthwhile to overlook unsoundness and to strengthen the structure.


2PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE. In the building of a new house the plans and specifications make it possible for a contractor to estimate fairly and accurately the cost of the work. However, it is considerably more difficult in remodeling to arrive at an equitable amount in advance of the construction operation, and we have to approach the matter in a somewhat round-about way. A preliminary
guess is necessary and it may be no more than a guess. Since there is considerable time and expense involved in working out accurate drawings, details of financing and other problems, a rough estimate at the beginning may immediately reveal the wisdom of going ahead or dropping the project. Therefore, a complete written listing of all the things that are desirable should be made in an entirely general form. Such items might be merely, "paint living room woodwork, remove back porch, repair roof flashing, etc." Armed with this list, a discussion with a builder will enable him to make an approximation of the cost to guide you in the steps to come.


3
EXPERT GUIDANCE. If the changes you contemplate involve structural changes, then building authorities, in many localities, will require that a set of drawings be filed and a building permit obtained. In some towns and cities the law requires that these drawings be prepared and stamped by a registered architect. Entirely apart from this legal necessity, however, architectural services are indispensable in any sizable venture involving appearance, strength or convenience.

The architect's fee will usually be not less than 10\% of the final cost of the work and may run more. Sometimes an architect will arrange to do the work for a fixed amount, or you may prefer to pay him on a "cost-plus" basis in which he receives the amount of his total expenses in performing his services for you with a fixed percentage of the total cost added. For mutual protection the standard form of contract between the owner and the architect should be executed.

Often the changes in an existing building involve the removal or relocation of partitions. Few amateurs realize the potential danger of such an operation because partitions are of two kinds-bearing and non-bearing. A bearing partition carries weight of some of the construction above and it in turn is supported by beams, or walls below. The removal of such a load-bearing partition will mean that the construction above may sag or even collapse. Many similar pitfalls are encountered in remodeling work.

If new furnishings and decoration are a part of the
contemplated rejuvenation, now is the time to retain a professional. Heating, plumbing, or electric work that is complicated or extensive may lead the architect to suggest that you also retain experts whose fees you pay in addition to the architect's honorarium.


4
EXISTING CONDITIONS. The first phase of the architectural work will be to make measurements of the house "as-is". From these measurements a set of drawings is prepared. Of course, if you have the original architectural drawings for your house this work will not be necessary. The drawings of the existing conditions will be referred to throughout the job. They will reveal to the architect, builder, and engineers many conditions which are not so readily apparent from even a careful examination of the house itself. The architect makes these drawings on thin paper and by placing one plan over another learns most of the things he needs to know about the structural system, piping system, and other factors. The "as-is" drawings together with the list that you originally prepared are the tools with which the architect, engineers, and decorator will prepare the later specific documents for the builder's guidance.


FIRST DRAWINGS. Remodeling can be broadly divided into three general categories. The first of these is repair, and covers all aspects of the strength and durability of the building whether it be such things as leaky roofs, termite-infested or dry-rotted timbers, leaky base-
ments, faulty heating, plumbing, or electric work, or similar conditions.

The second phase of remodeling is that of replanning for greater convenience, and may comprise additions, subtractions, or rearrangement.

The third has to do with the appearance of the house -both inside and out. It may mean simplifying roof lines, painting, the removal of porches, new wall finishes, or other details of beautification.

Your remodeling program may call for any one, two, or all three of these divisions. But whatever your program demands to be done, the architect will prepare rough sketches to show the feasibility of the work so that you may visualize the changes. The architect may submit several versions of these first drawings or sketches for discussion and when all the revisions that are necessary have been made to the scheme, it is customary for the owner to sign his name to the approved set. It is possible that at this point another approximate estimate of cost should be made, particularly if the approved sketches are at considerable variance with the original written listing upon which the first approximation was made.

It is customary when you have approved the preliminary sketches to pay the architect a part of his fee. This is usually a sum equal to $20 \%$ of his total fee computed upon a reasonable estimated cost.


CONTRACT DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS.
With the approved sketches the architect will prepare accurate drawings to show the nature and extent of the changes, and the accompanying specifications which describe in words the quantity of materials and methods of workmanship. If changes, or additions, or repairs are required for any of the mechanical parts of the house, either the architect or a special engineer, when retained, will show this work on the architectural drawings. In cases of extensive alterations, a separate set of mechanical drawings may be made. The drawings and specifications are the basis for the contracts that will be made later with the builder and mechanics.

It is extremely important that you study the drawings and specifications carefully to avoid omission of any
detail that you desire and to prevent the inclusion of any items that you may decide are superfluous.

Upon the completion of the work on drawings and specifications the architect receives payment on his fee equal to $60 \%$ of the total computed cost based upon a reasonable estimate of the work.


7
TAKING BIDS. There are three distinct considerations in the selection of a contractor to do your work: dependability, time required, and price. Of these dependability is by far the most important.

The usual procedure in taking bids is to select a group of builders-perhaps three or more-and to supply them with drawings and specifications from which each independently makes an estimate of what he will charge to complete the entire project. These general contractors selected to submit bids should be known for their skill and honesty. No builder should be allowed to submit an estimate unless you would be willing to let him do the work should his cost be the lowest. The architect will be able to suggest suitable bidders and perhaps you will know of reputable workmen from your own experience.

In normal times contractors were extremely anxious to bid on construction work. Due to the present uncertainty of labor and material availability and cost, it is entirely possible that you will not be able to get a builder to set a contract sum for doing your remodeling work. If possible, however, this procedure is desirable because it allows you to know in advance the exact cost.

The second arrangement, if a firm estimate cannot be obtained, may be acceptable to a reputable builder. It is known as the "cost-plus, not to exceed a certain sum" method. The contractor estimates a fair price for the work to which he adds $10 \%$ (or an agreed percentage) for his own profit. In case he is able to make any saving under the estimated price the money thus saved is divided equally between you and him. If the work costs more than the estimate you still pay only the estimated cost.

It is more than likely in many localities that the only way you can get your remodeling done is on a day labor basis with the hope that the workmen will accomplish as much each day as they would if the job were being han-
dled under a contract. Sometimes a general contractor is engaged to take charge of the job and you pay him his expenses plus an agreed percentage or a fixed sum for profit. Or else you may hire such workmen yourself and with the help of the architect try to make them all work in harmony and with efficiency. The day labor method is at best uncertain as to the total cost. It may be cheaper, the same, or very much more expensive than on a contract arrangement.

In remodeling work the period during which the house is being overrun by workmen and generally littered with building materials and dirt should be kept at a minimum unless you are fortunate enough to take the whole family to some remote section for a vacation. You may ask each contractor in submitting his estimate to also indicate the time that he will require.

Heating, plumbing, ventilating and electrical work may be handled as separate contracts or they may be handled by the builder under the general contract. The architect will advise you which method is to be desired.


8
FINANCING. If you are the owner of a house to be remodeled, the Federal Housing Administration will insure the bank which lends you the money against loss should you default. With certain exceptions, the FHA sets a limit of $\$ 2,500$ (exclusive of financing charges) to be repaid in three years and thirty-two days maximum period. The FHA will insure such loans only if used for certain "eligible improvements", including those for structural alterations, repairs, or additions to a completed structure. No part of the loan may be used to finance the cost of completing an unfinished structure. An attached garage or other building attached to a completed house is permitted. Such changes as grading and landscaping, private sidewalks, driveway, curbs, fences, the installation of a septic tank or cesspool, the drilling of a well with pumping equipment and piping are eligible.

Heating systems including stokers, oil burners, coal, gas, and electric furnaces, elevators, and built-in air conditioning systems are eligible. So, too, are plumbing and wiring when a permanent part of the property.

The cost to the borrower of an FHA insured loan has been set at a maximum discount of $\$ 5$ per $\$ 100$. This simply means that if you borrow $\$ 1,000$ for one year you get $\$ 950$ but pay back $\$ 1,000$ in monthly installments making the actual interest rate slightly over $91 / 2$ per cent. The lender may secure his loan through a real estate mortgage, deed of trust, chattel mortgage, or other form. Charges and fees in addition to the discount may have to be paid for recording and filing, documentary stamp taxes, personal legal advice, title examination, and hazard insurance premiums. The evidence of your indebtedness may take the form of a promissory note with indorsers, co-makers, or collateral; a bond; or a mortgage.

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If you are buying a home to be remodeled for your own occupancy there is a remote possibility that you can escape the somewhat complicated transactions involved in the remodeling operation. In the present seller's market this may not be as easy to arrange as it has been in more normal times. It works this way. You first agree with the seller on the purchase price of the house in its existing condition. You supply the seller with a complete description of the work that you require to be done. The seller, as a condition of the sale, performs and finances the work that you have specified and when completed you then make the purchase of the house. Your purchase may then be financed under usual mortgage arrangements with a lending institution or private loan sources.


OWNER-CONTRACTOR AGREEMENTS. It should be understood that the architect is the limited agent of the owner and has no contractual relation with any of the contractors. A standard form of agreement should be executed between the owner and the various contractors based either on the amount of the contractors' bids or
upon a cost-plus-fixed-profit basis. The Contract Documents consist of: (1) working drawings, (2) specifications, and (3) agreement; copies of all three should be signed by both owner and the contractors. When agreements are to be filed with a public official to insure waiver of lien, see that such a clause is inserted in the agreement.


10
THE BUILDING OPERATION. This will no doubt result in a general turmoil which calls for the strictest self-discipline. If you are lucky the work will go forward with a minimum of mess and damage to your belongings. But at best, it is not an experience that you will enjoy. The architect will make periodic inspections in order to guard the owner against defects and deficiencies in the work of the contractors, but he does not guarantee the performance of their contracts.

Changes from the original drawings and specifications are invariably expensive. Some changes may be advisable, for as the house takes form, small details will suggest themselves. Keep these to a minimum and be sure that all deviations from the original contract, with their cost, are authorized in writing before the changes are made by the contractor or workmen.


11PAYMENTS TO THE CONTRACTOR. On the same date each month, the architect will submit an estimate of the labor and materials incorporated into the building and of the materials properly stored at the site. The owner pays the contractor an agreed percentage (usually 85 per cent) of this amount. At the end of the
job, the architect will make a final inspection and issue a certificate of acceptance to the contractor, stating that the work provided for in the contract has been acceptably completed and that the balance due to the contractor is to be paid. The architect, before issuing such final certificate of acceptance, will obtain from the contractor evidence that all pay rolls, material bills, and other indebtedness connected with the work have been paid. At the same time, the contractor will deliver any guarantees which have been agreed upon.


12THE GRAND FINALE. Before you hold the house warming in your rejuvenated home there will be the questions of landscape work, furniture and decoration. Skilled professional advice on interior decoration is desirable. Only a reputable and established designer should be considered. While this is not, in the strictest sense, properly a part of the remodeling operation, decoration is certainly important in its contribution to the final effect. The decorator will name a lump sum for doing the work you have agreed upon, to include not only the materials and labor but the professional fee as well.

Sometimes remodeling starts a vicious circle by making furniture, draperies, and rugs suddenly seem shabby against the newness of a background that has been just completed. Don't overlook this possibility when your budgeting and financing are being worked out.

In the same way landscaping may become glaringly necessary if the exterior of your house has been redesigned. Money spent on landscaping multiplies in value very quickly as plants grow and become more healthy and beautiful. The addition of an outdoor fireplace, pergolas, walks, retaining walls, fountains, pools, terraces, and planting will integrate the geometrical man-made house with its natural surroundings, increasing your pride of possession, your enjoyment of your home, and its value. The assessor may even notice the difference! Be prepared for a slight shock if his appreciation of your remodeling is reflected in your next year's tax bill.

## WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?

The following check list itemizes (or will suggest to you) most of the elements encountered in house remodeling. Make a thorough inspection by daylight in good weather, and cover everything, inside and out -from cellar to garret. To identify and diagnose many of the elements, you will need an experienced building eye, so work together with your builder or architect, or both.

THE EXTERIOR OF THE HOUSE Check your requirements in the spaces below.


THE INTERIOR OF THE HOUSE Note in each space whether to refinish, repair, add new, etc.

|  | Living Room | Dining Room | Library | Kitchen | Hall | Stairs Up | Bedroom No. | Bathroom No. 1 | Bedroom No. 2 | Bathroom No. 2 | Maid's Room | Maid's Both |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FLOOR |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| WALLS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CEILING |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| DOORS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| WINDOWS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| MOLDINGS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LIGHT FIXTURES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SWITCHES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| OUTLETS |  |  |  | . |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| RADIATORS, GRILLES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| BUILT-IN FURNITURE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

OTHER INTERIOR DETAILS Note in each space what's to be done.

| HEATING PLANT |
| :--- |
| FURNACE |
| OIL BURNER |
| COAL STOKER |
| GAS BURNER |
| DUCTS |
| PIPES |
| INSULATION ON DUCTS \& PIPES |
| AIR CONDITIONER |
| COAL BIN \& CHUTE |
| WOOD STORAGE |
| ELECTRIC WIRING |
| HOT WATER HEATER |


| BASEMENT \& ATTIC |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| FLOORS |  |
| WALLS |  |
| CEILING | - |
| DOORS |  |
| WINDOWS <br> MOLDINGS <br> LIGHT FIXTURES <br> SWITCHES \& OUTLETS <br> RADIATORS, GRILLES <br> SUILT-IN FURNITURE <br> SHELVING RACKS |  |


| MISCELLANEOUS |
| :--- |
| FIREPLACES |
| CLOSETS |
| VENTILATING FANS |
| SINK |
| GARBAGE DISPOSAL |
| DISHWASHER |
| STOVE |
| SEFRIGERATOR |
| STAIR TREADS \& RISERS |
| STAIR HANDRAILS |
| STAIR LIGHTING |

## Galaxy of geraniums

## NEW ONES JOIN OLD FAVORITES IN WINDOWS AND GARDENS

Helen V an Pelt W ilson, author of a new book on geraniums, describes varieties she has grown in her Philadelphia garden and the bright range of them she found in California.

C eraniums today are having a renascence as gardeners of East and West are waking up to the possibilities of these versatile plants. Enthusiasts everywhere are discovering new varieties and fresh values. Hybridizers are working to clarify and extend the color range and are even altering the plant form. In fact, from Palo Alto, California, a large-flowering race of dwarfs will soon appear to bring color to the restricted spaces of a small garden or edge the borders of a large one. At Danielson, Connecticut, new scented forms have been developed from the crossing of the old-fashioned Mint and Rose types.

Too often gardeners, especially in the East, know the geranium, or more properly the pelargonium, only as the ubiquitous red or pink double zonal of park bed, window box and cemetery. True, its enduring nature makes the zonal geranium equal to a hard life but, more imaginatively placed, how interesting and lovely this plant can be. In a Philadelphia garden crossed by pebble paths, I saw the handsome white variety, Mme. Buchner, filling triangular box-edged beds. Standard plants of the glowing American Beauty accented each corner, while a collection of scented Rose and Mint types clustered around the central feature, a bird bath.

The single forms of these zonals, so rare in the East, yet quite as easy to grow here as the doubles, offer many attractive possibilities. Italian terra cotta urr.s filled with the flaming La Fiesta provide just the splash of brilliance required by the muted greens and browns of a dining terrace in New Jersey. For the long floor boxes of an open porch the single lavender Edee and double light salmonpink Mrs. Lawrence are a charming pastel study with Sweet Alyssum Violet Queen, planted to trail over the edge
of the box. A garden in a very hot location could offer a cool welcome if broad panels edging a wide entrance walk were planted with the single Snowflake and edged by pink verbenas matching the rosy pollen of this white geranium. Other pleasant combinations include the rose to salmon-pink Dreams with the lavender Aster frikarti; the lilac-white single, Helen Van Pelt Wilson, and Begonia semperflorens Pink Pearl, edged by the small purple bellflower, Campanula carpatica, and white Sweet Alyssum; or, as at Carmel, where yellow blinds adorned a white house, the light pink Honeymoon in great yellow boxes beside a door with masses of pink and yellow tuberous begonias filling the beds just below.

For separate-headed, free-blooming flowers the single, orange Maxine Kovaleski is an outstanding pelargonium; so, too, the vibrant blend of red and purple in Battle of Gettysburg. Collectors will likewise delight in the very rare Bird's Egg group, in Jeanne (syn. Sweet William, Carnation) with its laciniated petals, and in such unusual varieties as Rosebud, Poinsettia and Phlox. Everyone, of course, will like the fine-flowering Apple Blossom, Alaska, red-edged white Carmel and orchid-pink Memories.

For those to whom the uncommon in plants is as appealing as the beautiful, there are among pelargoniums exciting possibilities. Four dwarf varieties already exist. These are the basis for the little-giant hybridizing already mentioned. They include the vermilion Mme. Fournier with a noticeably zoned and scalloped leaf; the scarlet Vesuvius, sometimes called Black Vesuvius because of its dark foliage; Pigmy, with round, twelve-petaled red florets; and Little Darling or Kleiner Liebling, also known as Tom Thumb, with single, rosy blossoms. These dwarfs are particularly nice for small window gardens where pots of tiny cuttings can be set along the latch strip.

The climbing and cactus-stemmed oddities among pelargoniums you must (Continued on page 160)

potted geraniums fit summer gardens everywhere. Here, grouped on the steps and held singly in brackets, they give welcoming accent to a house entrance.
popular zonal ceraniums fill a flower bed in a Boston park with summer-long masses of color. Sweet Alyssum makes a lacy white edging


ivy geraniums drape a wall along an "ivy walk" in Piedmont, California. They need western sunshine for best result.


First week. As the gardener begins one of the busiest months of the year, he is wise to choose tools that do their jobs most efficiently; to have materials well labeled and in the handiest locations; to inspect plantings regularly, and weed and spray at the first sign of trouble. Seed of hardy annuals may still be planted, and that of most tender kinds-beans, squash, zinnia -as soon as oak leaves are half-an-inch long.

Second week. More than one gardener made as many as four plantings of lima beans during last spring's wet spell without success. To avoid failure in crop germination, dust seed with a fungicide before sowing or, when only a few plants are needed, sow seed in pots in the coldframe. . ... Dried grass clippings, straw or pieces of cloth laid over beds will retain soil moisture and encourage the even germination of fine seed. Remove covering when seedlings begin to push through the soil. Water as needed.

Third week. Tomato and annual plants can be set out when the weather is settled. Use a special "starter" solution, or one-fifth pound of commercial fertilizer dissolved in a gallon of
water, at the rate of a quarter pint per plant. Don't neglect the bulbs that gave such a fine show this spring: feed them with a complete fertilizer; let leaves yellow before trimming them back. . . Dahlias, "glads", montbretias, tigridias, tuberoses and other summer bulbs go in now.

Fourth week. If lilacs failed to bloom, this is a good time to check up on the reasonusually incorrect pruning, poor soil or too much shade. It's better to prune them a little every year than to cut them back severely once in six. House plants will make a decorative corner in the garden if placed where they are shaded from midday heat. . . . Cuttings of Wax Begonia and Impatience strike root quickly in a shady border.

Fifth week. By Memorial Day the tenderest garden subjects-plants of peppers and eggplant, and seed of lima beans and melons-can go in the ground. . . . Keep an eye constantly open for the striped cucumber beetle on squash and related vegetables. Watch for ever-present aphids on vegetables and ornamentals....Susceptible plants should be treated for fungus troubles before symptoms appear: give regular dustings of sulphur.


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NOTATIONS IN NEEDLEWORK


Eve Pert, artist in embroidery, comEbines experimentation in texture with unusual types of stitching. On the mocha curtain are horses with manes done in realistic loops of white silk. The same technique is used for the mane of the lion, affable as M.G.M.'s Leo, upper right, embroidered on natural linen in pink and yellow. Three bits of framed needlework recall

Picasso. The first is a study of flower forms done in pinks and yellows, the second, a fanciful abstraction in white, magenta and mustard on lavender. The third is an embroidered variation on the double profile, half gray, half beige. Horse head pillow is embellished with a white mane. The brown and blue lion, LOWER RIGHT, has a past straight out of the Mexican Colonial Period.

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## A GARDENER'S NOTEBOOK

Loosestrifes. In July when borders are fairly colorful with masses of phlox and spires of hollyhocks, even then where there's a section of damp soil the loosestrifes or lythrums make an admirable addition. Botanists know six kinds, but for amateur gardeners L. salicaria, the purple or willow-leaf lythrum, offers the best advantage. It is in this group that most recent hybridizing has advanced. Among the newer kinds are the carmine-red 4' spikes of The Beacon and the shorter, looserflowered $3^{\prime}$ wands of Rosalie.

A native American wildling, loosestrife is generally found on the verges of ponds and big streams. Taken into the garden where the soil is richer, they increase in size and, if the soil isn't sun-baked, will thrive. For best effects use groups of six each in a border.

Age of Roses. The hybrid teas are relative parvenus in our gardens. Four more years and we shall have accepted them for six decades. They first were distributed in 1890. The hybrid perpetuals, on the other hand, can count 110 years of garden adornment. The knowing gardener, who has the space, will always grow some hybrid perpetuals. They are not so tricky as their offspring, the hybrid teas, and do not succumb so readily to winter ravages.

Imagine not growing the immaculate and lusty Frau Karl Druschki, the fragrant pink George Arends, the equally fragrant scarlet Henry Nevard, the lower, soft yellow Mme. Albert Barbier and the immense lilac-rose Paul Neyron. Nor would our garden ever pass up the almost thornless fawn Louise Crette, the long-blooming pink Mrs. John Laing and the curious, white margined Roger Lambelin.

Crocus in Frames. In one of his books, E. A. Bowles, a famous English amateur gardener, speaks of his special delight in growing crocuses in cold frames. Last fall, following his pattern, we tried it-filled a double frame with crocus varieties and such species as were then available. By the first of March they started flowering-two weeks earlier than those out of doors.

Besides bringing earlier bloom, crocuses in frames have a better chance of survival in those districts where field mice flourish. Within two years these mice cleaned out drifts of several hundred at Sun House garden. We had hoped to study their flowering in the mass. This spring we studied it in the dozen, perched comfortably on the edge of the cold frame muttering the ecstatic crocus names.

Mop-headed. Among the tender bulbs we managed to flower in the house last winter was V eltheimia viridifolia, a native of South Africa. First a spread of bright green glossy, broad, crinkly-edged leaves, then from the center of them rises a foot-high stem bearing a mop-head flowering, a spherical mass of pink tubes. As it is easy to grow we wonder why it is not seen more in homes. We will rest it this summer, then start it off again in time to bloom about Christmas.

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## Ceiling Stains

Q. Can you tell me how ceiling stains can be removed?

Dr. K. J. C.
Kennebunk, Maine
A. Unless the stains are caused by leakage, they are probably joist and lath marks which are caused by lack of proper insulation. If the area between the ceiling and the rafter or joist spaces is not properly irsulated, there is breathing movement through the plaster. The moist air carries dirt and eventually marks the line of the lath and joists on the ceiling.

The only way to remedy this is to insulate the ceiling thoroughly and replaster.

## Steaming Windows

Q. We have been troubled with windows steaming on the inside. Our house is four years old and the first year we had no trouble although ours is a cold climate. We have oil heat and the thermostat is usually kept at $65^{\circ}$. What is the cause of the steaming?

> Mrs. N. M.
> Beulah, Mich.
A. The cause of the steaming is due to condensation. The air in your house is warm and contains a large amount of moisture. When it strikes the cold
surface of the window glass, this moisture condenses. One of the best remedies would be to install fixed sash, which actually insulates by means of a layer of dehydrated air between the two panes of glass, that is sealed in by a patented bond around the edges of the two panes.

The best remedy outside of double windows or storm sash is to attempt to keep the air dry to a greater extent. See that your radiator valves don't emit vapor. Keep the doors to service rooms closed to avoid steam from the kitchen, laundry or bathrooms.

## Leaking Deck

Q. On the second floor of our home, over the living room, we have an open deck and thus far have been unable to find any floor covering that doesn't leak. As a last resort we tried a thin coat of cement but the change of temperature has cracked and ruined this. The floor construction is joists covered with wood flooring over which are tin and felt flashed about $6^{\prime \prime}$ up the sides. What do you advise our doing next?

Mrs. L. L. P.
Ocala, Florida
A. If the metal deck over your living room was properly lapped and soldered, there is no reason why it should leak. (Continued on page 127)



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## PORTRAITS IN FRAMEWORK

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A room done in pickled pine is the setting for this portrait of a young girl. Its highlights are brought out by a dull green French sofa covered in cut velvet, a yellow chair, and a taupe rug. In two wall cabinets are figurines of actual people, another by-product of the organization. On one table is a miniature statue of Margaret Sulla-
van. On the lower shelf of the book case are plastic likenesses of her children. On the shelf above are small figures of John P. Marquand's children. This method of displaying the wares of Portraits, Inc. shows each object to good effect without the use of display cases.
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The effect of a portrait can be heightened by underscoring it with an unusual architectural feature. This picture of John P. Marquand is shown to advantage by placing it over a mantel carved in baroque style.


A street scene through the window of Portraits, Inc. A bust of a young girl and a flowerpot full of plants set off the view effectively.
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A picture of two girls skiing employs the Egyptian technique of releasing important subject matter from the laws of proportion. The figures are preternaturally large compared to background. The ski-scape is done in flat perspective with a very pleasant effect.


A charming picture of two little boys shelling peas. Below it an amusing arrangement of a bowl full of gourds, spiked unexpectedly by a handful of lace bobbins.

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is to bread. Better still it can substitute for sweet cream in making white sauces ( 1 cup sour replaces 1 cup sweet). When butter is low and broccoli without Hollandaise is just another green to you, see what a sauce concocted of sour cream blended with a little sugar and horseradish mustard can do. Try it, too, picked up with a bit of scraped onion or chopped chives over mushrooms, beets, boiled cucumbers or string beans. Give it a chance with cheese on cauliflower. Usually disdained sauerkraut is a great dish when cooked with grated raw apple, potato, a teaspoon of caraway seeds tied up in a cheesecloth bag and treated to a cup of sour cream, stirred in just before serving.

The potato becomes a noble vegetable under the influence of sour cream. Simpler than the telling and ambrosial is a sauce made half and half with herb mustard and poured over hot new potatoes. Or do it with fresh dill and sour cream as the Pennsylvania Dutch do for plain boiled potatoes. Substitute sour for sweet cream in mashed sweet potatoes, beating it in with an egg.

Make the most of meat and get the best of game. It's a Pan-Slavic trick to enhance and enrich with sour cream. The famed Hungarian paprika dishes of veal, beef or chicken are all thickened by blending flour and sour cream
into the gravy. Stewed hare and hasenpfeffer are mere shadows of themselves without it. Then there's the famous beef a la Stroganoff without which a Russian restaurant could not survive. It's slivered beef tenderloin with mushrooms in sour cream, made with or without tomatoes at the chef's discretion.

A few tablespoons of sour cream mixed with soy or Worcestershire sauce, ladled over lowly hamburger or meat loaf raises these to Lucullan heights. Veal has a very particular affection for sour cream when stirred into the gravy for chops, veal birds, baked or stewed cubes and even in kidney stew. If you count on color, add a drop of Kitchen Bouquet.

When liver is not too welcome, pamper it with a sauce made by adding a spoonful of flour to whatever fat is left in the pan and a little stock, a half cup of sour cream mixed in and a sprinkling of minced parsley. Taste it combined with horseradish for boiled beef, with chopped fresh dill for lamb, with raw cucumbers for cold cuts.

The Poles have a proud dish, chicken browned in butter and baked in a blanket of sour cream-the secret of their tender way with a bird.

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the au naturel technique for salads and dressings. For a really elegant departure make a dressing for greens by mashing a ripe avocado to mayonnaise consistency with sour cream. Or join it to Roquefort cheese or chopped ripe olives for a flourish on mixed greens. Beat sour cream together with an equal quantity of mayonnaise and season with chives to pour over potato salad. Add chili sauce and a tablespoonful each of chopped green pepper and pimento for splendid $s^{2}$ rimp or crab.

To make a subtle sauce for jellied fish, tomato aspic or deviled eggs, mix small dices of cucumber, grated onion and a pinch of curry powder. An intricately flavored salad can be made of cooked cold celery root, cut julienne, and served with a dressing made of sieved egg yolks, lemon juice beaten into sour cream, a smidgeon of sugar, a dash each of salt and pepper. Add lemon juice, sugar and salt to sour cream for a Waldorf salad.

For a dog-day refresher, help yourself to a bowl of cottage cheese and sour cream with blueberries.

Epicurean are such simple desserts as fresh or canned peaches served with thick unbeaten sour cream. It's equally delicious unadulterated on all kinds of sugared fruit and berries. When whipped, dusted with brown or maple
sugar and spooned over a one-crust apple pie or apple scallop, it's the touch of genius.

Pancakes made with cottage cheese and sour cream served with lingonberries and powdered sugar are a dessert combination with international overtones. Almond filling and frostings can be made sans butter with sour cream as a savory saving grace. Last generation cooks favered sour cream as a baking bonanza. It's the secret of good devil's food and gingerbread, light and tender hotbreads.

In the Caucasus region, certain citizens attribute their centennial longevity to the properties of sour cream. Whether or not you are planning to bring your life expectancy up to five score and ten, you can use sour cream so many ways, to please your palate, give old dishes spring freshness, and incidentally save butter without giving up a gout of gourmet standards.

These nine recipes for novice or old-hand are a sound basis for sour cream cooking. Try them and move on to your own experimentation. Turn to page 137 for a saving substitution.

## Veal Viennese

2 lbs. veal, rump or shoulder 2 medium-sized onions
3 oz . butter 3 oz . butter
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$11 / 2$ cups water
1 bay leaf
or 3 whole cloves
1/2 tsp. allspice
tsp. paprika seeds
Salt, pepper
Lemon juice
1 cup thick sour cream
Mince the onions fine, cook slowly in butter until transparent. While the onions are simmering, in another small saucepan, boil the water, bay leaf, cloves, allspice, caraway seeds for 10 minutes. Cut veal into cubes, flour lightly, add to onions, Strain the spiced water over the meat, add salt, pepper and paprika. Cover and simmer gently for one hour or until the meat is tender, squeeze in a little lemon juice and blend in from a half to a cup of sour cream to taste. Serves 4-6.

## Hungarian Chicken Paprika

1 young frying chicken, eut in serving pieces 3 tbsp. butter
2 medium sized onlons, chopped
tsp. papriks
tosp. lemon juice
1 cup sour cream
Salt, pepper
Sauté onions in butter until golden. Add chicken and brown lightly. Add paprika and mix, then the lemon juice. Cover tightly and cook over a low heat until tender. Remove chicken to serving dish and keep hot. Skim off any excess fat and boil down the stock if
there is too much of it. Thicken with flour, season with salt and pepper, blend in the sour cream, stirring constantly over a low flame until thick and smooth. Pour sauce over chicken. Makes 4 servings.

## Chicken Livers Muscovite

## 1 ib . chicken livers

1/4 cup onion, flnely minced
$1 / 4$ cup green pepper, slivered
1 cup mushrooms, sliced
$1 / 4$ c. butter
3 hard-cooked eggs, sliced
$11 / 2$ cups sour cream
tsp, salt
$1 / 4$ tsp. pepper
$1 / 4$ tsp. Worcestershire sauce
Flour chicken livers lightly and fry until brown in hot butter with onion, green pepper and mushrooms. Add eggs, sour cream and seasonings. Pour into buttered casserole. Top with breadcrumbs or croutons. Bake in slow oven for $10-15$ minutes $\left(350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\right)$. Serves 4.5 .

New Orleans Pancakes

## 4 eggs

cup cottage cheese 1 cup thick sour cream
$3 / 4$ cup flour
1 tbsp. sugar
$1 / 4$ tsp. salt
Beat the eggs. Add the cottage cheese and sour cream and beat together. Add remaining ingredients. Beat until thick(Continued on page 132)

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er than cream. Heat griddle or Swedish plett pan greased with butter and spoon on batter to make $3^{\prime \prime}$ pancakes. Brown on one side, flip and brown on the other side. These pancakes will be puffy and very light. Serve hot with jelly, jam or preserves. Especially delicious with lingonberries and powdered sugar.

## Mushrooms a la Russe

${ }_{1}$ lb. mushrooms
1 medium-sized onion, minced
1 cup sour cream
Flour, salt, pepper
Wipe and slice unpeeled mushrooms. Sauté in butter along with the onion over a low flame. Season with salt, pepper, and sprinkle a little flour over them. Stir gently, don't crowd or bruise. Rough stirring causes the juices to run out and boil away. Cover and cook 5 minutes longer. Blend in the sour cream and a few drops of Worcestershire sauce. Serves 4.

## Dill Sauce for Meat

## 1 pint beef broth <br> 2 tbsp. vinegar

3 or 4 sprigs dill, finely chopped
3 tbsp. butter
2 tbsp. flour
To the heated beef broth, add the vinegar and dill. In another pan, melt but
ter and stir in the flour until smooth. Brown slowly, stirring constantly. When a golden brown add sour cream and combine with the beef broth.

Sour Cream Sauce for Fish

## 2 tbsp, butter

2 tbsp. flour
1/2 cup milk
1 cup thick sour cream
Melt butter and blend in flour. Add milk. Cook until smooth and thick. Just before serving, add minced chives or parsley and a dash of paprika. Stir constantly until heated through, keep heat low. Season with salt and pepper. This is equally good with cucumbers for a jellied fish loaf. Cucumbers should be chopped, salted and chilled, then well drained before adding to the sauce. Serve with sliced lemon.

Sour Cream Devil's Food Cake

## 1/3 cup butter or shortening

1 cup sugar
2 teaspoon salt
1 tsp vanilla
1 egg, slightly beaten
2 squares baking chocolate, melted
2 eups sifted cake flour
$3 / 4$
$1 / 2$ tsp. soda
$1 / 2$
cup millk
$1 / 2$ cup sour cream
Cream shortening. Add sugar gradually and blend well. Stir in salt, vanilla, egg. (Continued on page 137)


## THE VICTORY GARDEN

HOME gardeners, many of whom had planned to turn their major efforts to ornamentals this year, are back in their vegetable plots. They are acting in response to President Truman's urgent appeal for home gardeners to help relieve the world food situation, and in general are finding more pleasure in the work than during the war.

Two or three years of victory gardening have given gardeners the knowhow to plan the vegetable garden efficiently for the family's requirements of fresh and canned or frozen foods, and to carry out routine chores with greater ease and speed. Many of the fruit trees and bushes planted a few years ago are coming into full bearing. Even with the continued burden of growing utilitarian crops, the experienced gardener never fails to get a thrill of achievement-not to mention taste-from the garden's first yield of fresh peas or ripe strawberries.

Most rewarding to the victory gardener's efforts this year, however, is the knowledge that he is making a real contribution to the world's food basket. In the words of Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson, "Yields of victory gardens will add materially to the total food supply. They will save transportation, furnish fresh, economical and nutritious food during the summer. Conserved and preserved they will lighten the demand on the total world food supply during the winter."

To encourage gardeners in their food production efforts, Secrelary Anderson appointed Paul C. Stark of Louisiana, Missouri, as director of the National Garden Program and head of a committee to plan Department of Agriculture activities in this field. Under his guidance a conference of national garden leaders met in Washington in March and will continue to hold meetings as long as the emergency exists. The committee is also working out plans for a broader, long-time home garden program which will include landscape improvements in both rural and urban areas. Mr. Stark, the first president of the National Garden Institute, was in charge of the Department of Agriculture's victory garden program last year.

The National Garden Institute, an independent organization that operated during the war and works closely with the National Garden Program in Washington, has as president this year Edward J. Condon of Chicago. Ex-governor Lloyd C. Stark of Missouri is chairman of the board, and Lester J. Norris is chairman of the industrial advisory committee. The Institute plans to hold regional meetings this year, as it has in the past. Industry, through company-employee gardens, youth agencies and local organizations everywhere, is continuing to cooperate with the Institute's program. In response to
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Four barber-striped poles may be planted any place on a lawn or near to the house to hold up a canvas canopy. Move out and move under its shade for a cool and simple salon. In conjunction with window box walls it is pretty and practical.

If yours is a terrace or porch that can be picked up and moved about like these, take advantage of mobility. Follow the sun and the flowers. In spring, look at the blooming fruit trees. In summer, turn towards the phlox and the view. In autumn, make for the sheltering warmth of the house walls. Where there's white water or a calm pool, bankside furnishings are most apt. (Look at page 96 for a wellbanked grouping.)

It's always amusing to give loafers something to watch. A croquet lawn, bowling green, badminton court or putting green is a fun focus for lawn furniture drawn up conversationally at one side, and squared off by rows of strawberry jars.

When your pied-à-terre is high above the ground, you'll be lucky to have a balcony. Even the narrowest bit of balcony may be made to serve. Attach collapsible flaps like the leaves of a butterfly table in tiers of two or three to the balcony railing. Flipped up they provide open-air dining space and serv-
ing surface with a view. One charming Frenchwoman had hers made of glass for the highest visibility of Paris.

Penthouse terrace or just balcony there's a lot you can do to it. There's no need for the barren aridity of a railroad station. Plants give cachet and country feeling. The basic best are potted plants that are seasonable.

Pale pink pots full of petunias thrive thriftily. Bulbs can be moved out of doors with your very own crocus to herald the spring popping out fifty feet off the ground. Hyacinth and tulip may be used for superb splotches of color. Group them in corners, against the wall, step them up on bricks.

For greenery, sedum and semper vivum can be grown in low pots and distributed mossily about. Better still, make your own rock garden on the roof. A few well placed stones, a bar-row-full of earth, and these plants will thrive as if in their native habitat. A jut in a penthouse terrace makes an admirable spot for a small rockery.

Both town garden and penthouse walls may be cheered up by greenery or scenery. Fleece vine, given something on which to twine, as chicken wire, a trellis, or poles, is very fast growing and pleasingly lush with buck-wheat-like white flowers. Ivy, the in(Continued on page 135)


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vincible, is good in pots or climbing. But if exposure, climate, and your green thumb fail, why not try scenery? An ugly wall may be optically eliminated by a trompe l'ail landscape or a witty, bright mural. The more crude and naive, the more fun.

Real penthouse gardeners try espaliered trees, clumps of bamboo, even weeping willows. But without these sumptuous plans there's still a place for practical gardening on skyscraper terrace or balcony. Small greenhouses, doll house size, may help you raise fresh radishes, scallions, lettuce. Herbs may be grown under glass or in an open frame and are decorative as well as culinary.

Bamboo supports may be rigged to hold up a screen of morning glories. These are a delightful barrier against a poor outlook. A raised box with a wall of vines or filled with good-sized plants makes a fine division, if your balcony is big enough, between eating outside and sitting out of doors. Something growing is the secret of a successful city porch.

Bright canvas gives lift to a square yard of city roof. For pure whimsy, awnings that roll down tent-like all around a terrace or balcony, may have windows cut in them, large ones of isinglass, so that you may dine with
an outside panorama rain or shine. Wide louvered shutters, like Barbados jalousies, are wonderfully atmospheric storm-breaks. They are run out, awn-ing-like on rods, or down grooves in the wall when a storm comes up.

When you own no parcel of the outdoors whatsoever, decorating will have to substitute. Flower-filled window boxes, plant-filled fireplaces are a summer solace when you don't live in a house by the side of a lane.

The topsy-turvy hammock and bottomless pitchers of lemonade may have gone along with straw boaters and mandolins, but the move to sit out a bit after dinner lingers within most of us. Play up to any piazza possibilities your home may have.

Following is a list of the approximate prices for the outdoor furniture shown on pages 96-99.

## Page 96

Van Keppel-Green's metal furniture: Chaise, $\$ 52$ (without pad).
Chairs, $\$ 22$ each.
Table, $\$ 53$.
Ficks Reed's bleached pine furniture: Chaise, $\$ 90$.
Chairs, $\$ 30$ each.
Table, $\$ 58$.
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## WEDDING PRESENT

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The following merchandise is shown in the photograph of the table setting illustrated in color on page 102.

Dinner setting of Eighteenth Century elegance with Charmwood china by Josiah Wedgwood \& Sons, at Stern Bros.; Bijou crystal water goblets, wine and champagne glasses by Cambridge Glass Co. from Sweden House; sterling candy dishes, John Coburn salts and peppers and the new Georgian Onslow pattern in flatware, by The Tuttle Silver Company, Boston. The individual ashtrays are by Smith \& Smith, a subsidiary of the above firm.

The antique Eighteenth Century English pedestal table and Hepplewhite armchairs are from Needhams Antiques, Inc. Of the same period are the English Savonnerie rug from Michaelyan and the five-piece silver and crystal épergne and candelabra from Robert Ensko, Inc. Long linen and Milan lace runners with matching napkins, Mosse, Inc.

Tall white candles from Will \& Baumer and silver paper match holders from Can-Dle-Luxe Shop complete the setting.

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Salterini's wrought iron furniture:
Arm chair, \$32.
Side chair, $\$ 28$.
Table, $\$ 84$.
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Ypsilanti Reed's combed maple furniture:
Snack tables, $\$ 15.50$ each.
Dillingham's Dine-a-cart, $\$ 20$.
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Richard L. Sanfort's cast aluminum furniture:
Serving table, $\$ 90$.
Coffee table, $\$ 66$.
Couch, $\$ 234$.
Dillingham's birch wood and enamel furniture:
Arm chair, \$24.
Revolving table, $\$ 20$.
Molla's wrought iron furniture: Side chair, $\$ 29$.
Arm chair, \$33.
Table, \$95.
Ypsilanti Reed's combed maple sectional bar:
Bar, center section, $\$ 80$.
Bar, end section, $\$ 100$.
Stools, $\$ 23$ each.

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## SOUR CREAM

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Add melted chocolate. Sift flour with baking powder and soda. Starting with flour mixture, add dry ingredients alternately with milk and sour cream. Pour into two buttered $9^{\prime \prime}$ layer pans. Bake in moderate oven $350^{\circ}$ F., 25 to 30 minutes. Put layers together and top with a seven minute frosting or your own favorite frosting.

Sour Cream Pie

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11/2 cups sour cream
3/4, cup sugar
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
15 tsp. cloves
1/4. tsp. nutmeg
4. tsp. salt
1.4 cup flour
eggs, separated
1 cup raisins, chopped (optional)
1 tsp. vanillt
1 baked pastry shell
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Mix the sugar, spices, salt and flour. Add the sour cream. Heat in a double boiler over hot water and stir until thickened; then cover and cook 15 minutes. Pour the hot mixture, slowly, into the well-beaten egg yolks; add the raisins and cook over hot water a few minutes. Stir in the vanilla. Pour into a baked pastry shell and serve when cool, topped with whipped cream. Or make a meringue with the two egg whites beaten stiff with a little salt and four tablespoons of sugar. Spread over filling and bake in a moderately slow oven, $325^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. for $15-20$ minutes or until lightly browned.

## Alternate for butter

Thick sour cream can be used in place of butter in baking; for sweet cream in many baked and cooked dishes. To replace butter with sour cream in baking, use one cup of sour cream for $3 / 4$ cup of milk and $1 / 4$ cup of butter. Use $1 / 2$ teaspoon of soda, mixed with the dry ingredients, for each cup of sour cream and count the soda as equivalent to the leavening power of 2 teaspoons of baking powder. That is, if the recipe cal's for $1 / 4$ cup butter, $3 / 4$ cup milk and 4 teaspoons of baking powder, you'd use 1 cup of sour cream, $1 / 2$ teaspoon baking soda and 2 teaspoons of baking powder.

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urgent requests, the Institute is continuing the popular National Green Thumb contest and the General Douglas MacArthur medal awards for junior gardeners.

The combined efforts of victory gardeners, during the four war years, totaled an imposing contribution to the food program-twenty-four million tons of food!

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## CHINA CLOSET ADDENDA

This glossary of familiar terms will establish the identity of your china

So that the prospective buyer may know whereof he seeks, here is a brief review of familiar china forms and the fruits by which they are known.

In general, china falls into two broad categories earthenware and porcelain. Earthenware may be almost anything from a bit of Mexican terra cotta to a plate decorated by one of the Della Robbias. Earthenware is soft, porous, opaque. It is made usually of china clay and plastic clay with perhaps some china stone for good measure. Fired at. less intense heat than porcelain, it may be distinguished from the latter by the fact that it is not translucent.
Hispano-Mauresque majolica. One of the earliest types of earthenware is majolica, a pottery developed by the Moors in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. It was embellished by such Oriental trappings as Arabic script, coat-of-arms motifs, and flowers. In sixteenth century Italy, majolica underwent a tremendous development. Such Renaissance subjects as full-blown cherubs, arabesques, scenes from Roman history and the Scriptures made their appearance. Majolica became a vehicle for the talents of such artists as the Della Robbias.

Later, on the other side of the Ai lantic, Mexican majolica combined effective plagiarism of the Spanish and Moorish designs with healthy native development. A Chinese strain became manifest in blue and white medallion patterns. In the seventeenth century, blue dots and dashes were put on enameled white grounds between main decorative motifs. Majolica ornamentation has been imitated by members of the trade in Mexico down to the present day.
Japanese Pottery. In the overseas bag of many a G.I., along with such trophies as Samurai swords and Japanese battle flags, there is often a memento of the homelier side of Oriental life in the form of a piece of Japanese pottery. Textures of such wares range from crude bowls with a grain-like gravel, to porcelain noted for the fine quality of its paste. Since Japanese pottery is designed with an eye to incense burning or the drinking of tea, it is usually more heat resistant than our own product. Interesting reflection of Oriental hospitality is the fact that the glaze on Japanese pottery is usually applied so as to leave the lower part of the dish bare, so that the clay may be inspected and criticized by guests. (Continued on page 141)


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Porcelain, as opposed to earthenware, is pottery made from kaolin clay, china stone and silica, fired at intense heat until it becomes translucent. Hard paste porcelain is made from actual kaolin clay whereas soft paste porcelain is composed of clay containing a chemical mixture producing the same effect as kaolin.

Bone china is a compound of fine clay and calcinated bones. The number of bone chinas is legion. Here are a few of the better known English types.
Coalport-a late eighteenth century china famous for its deep blue ornamentation and its rich gildings. A strong Chinese influence is evident in its decorative subject matter which includes landscapes, flower and bird designs, dragon and sprig patterns.*
Crown Derby-an eighteenth and early nineteenth century porcelain. Deep red and blue were the most usual base colors, with brilliant gold decoration applied after the fashion of the Japanese. Gold leaf designs and festoons were used frequently on borders. Other specialties of the Derby factory were a brilliant lapis lazuli blue, and delicate lace trimmings on figures in contemporary costume. Crown Derby was also made in less famous pastel shades such as lilac, pale blue, green, pink, and canary yellow. Royal Crown

Derby is still being manufactured. Lowestoft-English mid-eighteenth century artificial porcelain, sometimes inscribed with the legend "A Trifle From Lowestoft." Yellowish paste is covered usually with a dull bluish glaze. The Tudor Rose is a common form of embellishment, and black speeks are frequent. Blue, dull Chinese Lowestoft was so named because it came in through the port of entry where the factory was located.
Minton-English mid-nineteenth century china reminiscent of Sèvres in its ground colors which were rose, green, and blue. Gold incrustations and carved figures are other earmarks of Minton.*
Spode-a white porcelain made during the nineteenth century by Josiah Spode. Parian ware, a porcelain resembling Parian marble, used often for statuettes and ornaments, was first made at the Spode factory.*
Wedgwood-a type of china made by Josiah Wedgwood, a pottery manufacturer who was famous for his "Jasperware", a white biscuitware ornamented with Greek motifs and figures in graceful robes. Wedgwood was also noted for his terra cotta, his basalt ware, his Queen's ware, and an agate ware with a mottled, marblelike finish.*
Worcester-an eighteenth century (Continued on page 142)

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## CHINA CLOSET

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English porcelain usually in base colors of apple green and royal blue, decorated by salmon scale markings, exotic birds, and elaborate gold borders. Portraits were often used decoratively for Worcester, and transfer printing was accomplished for the first time at the Worcester works. This was a method whereby a pattern was first printed on paper from a copper engraving, then transferred to the pottery. Worcester jeweled ware paralleled that of Sèvres in excellence.*
Better known porcelains not made in the British Isles include:
Beleek-a fine Irish porcelain, washed with a metallic luster and fired at low heat. It is pearly in color."
Dresden and Meissen-Early eighteenth century German procelain which made frequent use of bird, insect and raised flower designs. This china can be distinguished by the sword and star mark on the bottom.
Sèvres-a French porcelain made in the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Turquoise blue, royal blue, and rose were the most usual colors. Early statuettes and busts glorified Napoleon. Cameo effects were popular in the nineteenth century. In the Louis Philippe period, Sèvres vases were ornamented by sculpture, painting and gilding. Gold relief decoration was enriched by the addition of small jewellike drops of enamel or opaque cabochons. ${ }^{\text {* }}$
Japanese porcelain. Japanese porcelain ranges in color from the blue and white wares of Arita, Seto, and Kioto to Hizen porcelain done in red and orange. Owari ware has floral decoration handled with the precision of a botanist. Pottery, however, offers a more natural outlet for the Japanese decorative talent.
Cantonware-an eighteenth century Chinese pottery with a beautiful white body decorated in blue and white chinoiserie motifs. Some Cantonware makes use of European crests and engraving designs. These are surrounded by borders of diaper.
Be chary with china-The china collector treads a precarious path, paved too often with good intentions which end in the cry-"it fell apart in my hand." The bogeys of china care are temperature extremes, water taps which suddenly assume Brobdingnagian proportions during washings, metal dish pans which tend to leave nasty deposits, food acids, tea and coffee stains, shaky hanging brackets for cups, and hasty storage methods.

Wash china yourself, and fight chippage by putting a folded towel in the bottom of the enamel pan in which you do your laving. Figurines and vases should be cleaned with a camel's hair brush dipped in soapy water. They should be rinsed in clear water, and patted dry with a tissue. Dust them frequently with a soft brush between washings.
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Remember that there are times when that delicious Roquefort cheese dressing can be a menace, and wipe plates dry with a paper napkin immediately after eating. Stack china always with some sort of padding between every two plates. Suspend cups from a secure overpinning-never put them inside each other. When you remove china from the cupboard, lift-don't slide it out.

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$\mathrm{T}^{\text {here }}$ is big news in garden hand tools this spring-the standard ones are being manufactured in pre-war variety and quality, if not in quantity. Revolutionary tools are few, but some have been designed along new lines or boast decided improvements.

When it comes to variety in new tools, sprinklers head the list. Also available are new hedge trimmers, plastic hose, a label embosser and other tools described below.

Traveling sprinkler. The Trav-El-Awn sprinkler will water the whole lawn evenly and thoroughly with no attention other than turning on the faucet. Powered by the water moving through the hose, the attachment moves auto-

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matically along the hose in any direction at the rate of 20 or 30 feet per hour and shuts off at the point where the "tripper" has been placed. Contains only four moving parts. Price, $\$ 32.75$ at Macy's, New York, N. Y.

To water a square. The Roto-Master Square sprinkler (with three arms) sprays a square pattern, concentrating moisture on the lawn and garden rather than on house walls and walks. Has solid brass assembly and enameled heavy-gauge steel base; price, $\$ 3.49$.


Other Rieger sprayers are the RotoMaster Round (top left), $\$ 3.19$, that sprays a circular area 52 to 60 feet in diameter, and the Ajusto-Spray, $\$ 1.39$, with clamps to use as feet when sprinkling lawn, as holders for hand use or for attaching sprayer to a fence. All three at Vaughan's Seed Store, 47 Barclay Street, New York, N. Y.

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No nozzle or arms. This cast aluminum sprinkler, the Pride-O-Lawn, has a rotating head operated by water pres sure, and gives out a mist-like spray over an area of 40 feet in diameter. Price, $\$ 3.45$, at Vaughan's.

Hose nozzle with stand. The An -Jax nozzle, of steel with comfortable cork handle, has a detachable metal stand to hold it in position in flower bed or lawn (left in photograph below). Price $\$ 2.98$ at Hammacher-Schlemmer.


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Rubber hose is back. Quality construction marks the post-war Swan (Continued on page 155)

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WINDOW BOX GARDENING


Henry Teuscher, Curator of the Mont real Botanical Garden, explains the correct culture and attractive combinations of window box plants-based on his forthcoming book.
$W^{\text {indow }}$ box gardening, far from being a weak substitute for real gardening, is a pastime to challenge the horticulturist's skill and artistry. Moreover, it is no recent development resulting from the concentration of people in large cities. Its history reaches far back into antiquity.

Ancient wall paintings and excavations prove that window box gardening was popular over 2,000 years before Christ. The old Assyrians, Babylonians and Egyptians grew flowers in containers hewn from stone. These were used to crown the balustrades of their high, pillar-supported terraces, the historically famous "hanging gardens", in which these ancient peoples excelled. The old Romans, too, had flower boxes of stone and wood.

Considering its many years of existence, window box gardening, as generally practiced today, shows lack of imagination and skill. In our choice of plants we are by no means restricted to the ubiquitous geranium and petumia. There are hundreds of other beautiful plants which succeed equally well when their special needs are satisfied.

Many plants, in fact, can be raised to perfection much more readily in a flower box than in a garden. A box makes it easier to prepare an exact soil mixture, to control the amount of moisture and the intensity of light, and to give any special care required.

Nor are we limited to annuals for boxes. Many tropical and subtropical plants, such as caladiums, the lovely achimenes, Solanum jasminoides and others, do well in flower boxes.

If tin trays are fitted into the wooden boxes, permitting removal of plants when flowering is over, our choice widens still more. We may include spring-flowering bulbs as well as rock garden plants, roses and chrysanthemums. The easily manipulated tin containers make it possible to bury (Continued on page 151)

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these plants in the garden over winter without disturbing their roots. The same plants or bulbs may, therefore be used for many years.

The biggest factor in choosing plants for the window box is exposure. Most flowering plants need full sunlight for best development. There are however, quite a few that tolerate, or even require, shade in varying degrees.

In a northern exposure Tuberous Begonia, fuchsias, nemesias and torenias will still flower freely. Various handsome foliage plants, too, do well on the north: Sprenger Asparagus, Airplane or Bracket Plant (Chlorophy tum comosum), coleus, ferns, Ground Ivy (Nepeta hederacea), Basket Grass (Oplismenus hirtellus), Strawberry Geranium (Saxifraga sarmentosa), tradescantias and vincas.

Since a flower box-even one four feet long and a foot wide-can accommodate no more than fifteen, or at the most twenty, plants it is evident that a mixture of many different plants will create an undesirable, restless effect. For the most satisfactory box, limit your choice to three or four different plants carefully selected for their strong contrasts or pleasing harmonies. Heights, flower colors and forms and leaf textures should all be considered.

One need not fear a stiff, formal effect from a balanced arrangement, since plants develop irregularly and always overflow the box. A balanced arrangement may be achieved in two ways: either by setting out the plants in parallel, though alternating, rows or by planting them in groups of three to five plants each. In a row of boxes, contrasting arrangements can alternate, or the end boxes can be given different treatment than those at the center.

The box itself must be neither too narrow nor too shallow: otherwise the soil will be subject to rapid drying out, as well as to overheating by the sun. The most satisfactory dimensions are eight to ten inches wide and seven to eight inches deep. The boards from which the box is made should be no less than one inch thick. This may seem heavy, but is necessary if warping of the wood and overheating of the soil are to be avoided. Overheating of the soil in sumny exposures is the most frequent cause of failure with plants in boxes.

Most valuable woods for window box construction are redwood, cedar and cypress since they are very durable and need no preservative treatment to offset decay. If pine or some other soft wood is used, the interior of the box should be treated with a waterproofing material that acts as a wood preservative. Cuprinal Emulsified Asphalt and Fungiseal are useful for this purpose. Paint should not be applied to the inside of the box since it is likely to harm the roots of the plants.

A color for the outside of the box can be chosen to match the allover house color or its trim. Pure white or vivid green are glaring and should be (Continued on page 152)

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Verbena and portulaca, with snapdragon and celosia at ends of the box.
avoided; instead, use a mellow ivory, blue-green or warm brown. The box should be given three coats of paint.

Several holes must be pierced in the bottom of the box for drainage. To make sure that they do not get clogged with soil, a crock can be placed over each. Next comes a one-inch layer of pebbles or hard coal cinders broken into one-quarter to one-half-inch pieces. The cinders are especially good because they store up some of the surplus water, which is then available to the roots as they need it.

The, soil for an average window box should be of such consistency that it does not pack hard when watered nor contract much when dry. For this reason it must be well supplied with humus. The keen root competition which is sure to develop among plants restricted by a box makes imperative, also, a soil rich in all required nutrients. Nitrogen, however, must be given with caution or foliage will develop at the expense of flowers.

A generally satisfactory soil mixture which anyone can easily prepare consists of three parts of good garden loam, one part of granulated peatmoss and one-third part of sharp builder's sand. The peatmoss must be well moistened before it is incorporated. To each bushel of this mixture, add one three-inch flower potful of bonemeal and one-half of a three-inch potful of dehydrated sheep manure. Mix all ingredients together and fill the box with the mixture to within one inch of the rim.

When setting out the plants, it is best to leave at least one inch between the root balls and to sink them about a half inch deeper in the soil than they stood in their previous locations. After the box is planted, cover the surface of the soil with a half-inch layer of peatmoss to which some dehydrated manure has been added. This mulch will prevent overheating of the soil, which is most likely to occur while the plants are still too small to shade the soil with their leaves.

During the first month after planting, regular watering is the only care required. The quantity given will depend upon the weather and how quickly the soil dries out. During hot spells it may be necessary to water evenings as well as mornings.

About five or six weeks after planting the plants will be ready to absorb a quick-acting chemical fertilizer. It should be dissolved in water, one heaping teaspoonful to a gallon, and applied once a week. Regular feeding is of the greatest importance. Without it, the plants cannot be expected to continue flowering until the end of the season.

## Lastly, even if you have outstand-

 ing success with your flower boxes this year, resolve to try something different in plant materials next year. The choice of suitable plants is so wide that the gardener may easily change his planting scheme each year without repetition in the course of his lifetime. To mention but a few attractive combinations (each group of three includes "background", "center" and "forepage 153)

Torenia fournieri, Begonia semperflorens, Nierembergia caerulea and hanging Basket Grass.

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Geraniums and Nepeta hederacea variegata.
ground" plants, in this order)

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Nasturtium dwarf Orange Glory, verbena Purple Mantle, and variegated Vinca major
Celosia dwarf Fiery Feather, snapdragon Golden Queen, and verbena Spitfire
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Marigolds and Dimorphotheca or African Daisy.

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Begonia semperflorens in red, pink and white" with Lobelia* tenuior (blue with white eye)
Geraniums S. A. Nutt (dark scarlet), Beauté Poitevine (salmon pink) and Mme. Salleron (variegated foli age) with Nepeta hederacea varie gata

Torenia fournieri compacta, nierem-
bergia Purple Robe with alyssum Snowcloth, and Basket Grass

For a Northern or Northeastern Exposure

Coleus blumei (yellow and red foliage), Begonia semperflorens (scarlet) and Lysimachia nummularia
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## FALL AND WINTER CROPS

Many salad and cooking greens defy frost. Katherine P.
Plumb describes the best to plant this summer.
$\mathrm{I}^{\mathrm{T}}$ is surprising to the amateur to learn that a number of salad greens, as well as cooking greens and roots, withstand considerable cold weather. Indeed, the flavor of some is improved by frost and a few can live through winter in southern New England, available during thaws or ready for earliest spring use.

Among the hardies are cabbage, broccoli, brussels sprouts, mustard, swiss chard, kale, leeks, chives, parsnips, turnips, salsify, cauliflower, Chi nese cabbage, spinach, French endive or witloof chicory, endive, parsley and dandelion. All of these vegetables have survived frost to a greater or less degree in Mount Carmel, ten miles out of New Haven, Connecticut. Weather records kept at the Experiment Station farm here show how much freezing each endured. Of course, in any locality the final date of harvest varies with the severity or mildness of the autumn and the maturity of the crop.

Winter vegetables can be lumped into two groups, according to planting times, June or midsummer. In the first class are the slow-growing cabbage, cauliflower, brussels sprouts, broccoli and salsify. In 1943 plants of Savoy cabbage started in mid-June stood out-
doors with no untoward effect until November 15. The final date for late-June-started broccoli was November 10, and for cauliflower planted early in the month, November 5. There had been thirteen nights of frost in September and October with temperatures ranging from 23 to 32 degrees F. Nine of the first fifteen days of November were frosty with a mercury low of 19 degrees. Brussels sprouts, equally hardy, may often be left in the garden until Thanksgiving.

The brassicas (cabbage family) flourish in well drained soil enriched with rotted manure or compost. To avoid disease don't plant them in the same place two years running. Several days before seedtime, work into the soil about 40 pounds of complete fertilizer per 1,000 square feet, or half that amount if the land has been cropped previously the same season. Mark rows $30^{\prime \prime}$ apart and, before dropping seeds, tamp the soil with a rake to make a firm bed. Sow seeds sparsely, cover with $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ to $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ of soil, and water.

When the seedlings are large enough to handle, weed out the weaker plants so that survivors have at least (Continued on page 159)

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$2^{\prime \prime}$ of space. In July, when the young plants are 6 or more inches tall, allow cabbage, cauliflower and brussels sprouts $20^{\prime \prime}$ and broccoli $15^{\prime \prime}$ in the rows.

## Watering

All gardens benefit by thorough watering, soaking the soil to a depth of $4^{\prime \prime}$ every week or ten days during a dry spell. Cauliflower, particularly, needs regular moisture supply for proper development. In some cases, cabbage and broccoli survive drought, delaying growth until fall rains hasten maturity.

When the flower forming on the cauliflower is $3^{\prime \prime}$ across, it is time to tie the leaves over it to provide shade from the sun. In little more than a week after this blanching process begins, the head is ready to cut.

The buds are the edible portion of brussels sprouts. These tiny cabbages, forming in the axils of leaves along the stem, are improved by frost and should mature in October. Several pickings may be made, beginning at the bottom of the stem on each plant.

The versatile leek should be more popular in home gardens. It has a mild onion flavor and the thick, white base stem may be used as a vegetable or for
flavoring soups, salads and stews. Leeks do best in soil enriched with rotted manure and fertilizer. Seeds may be sown as late as June in rows $15^{\prime \prime}$ apart. When plants are 4 " tall they are thinned to allow $6^{\prime \prime}$ between.

The usual care afforded vegetables is given leeks until September. Then soil is drawn toward the stems at each cultivation. The accumulating mound of earth, $4^{\prime \prime}$ to $6^{\prime \prime}$ high, helps develop the tender white stem used for cooking.

Leeks are ready for harvest after frost and the plant is hardy in southern New England. Gardeners pull a winter supply in mid-November for storage in an outdoor cache of leaves. The rest are left in place for spring use.

Witloof chicory, parsnips and salsify are grouped together because all are winter hardy and cultivation is similar. Since each takes three months or longer to grow, planting should not be delayed after mid-June. Chicory leaves may be cooked like spinach when they reach a length of $6^{\prime \prime}$ or so. Sprouts from the roots, taken into the cellar for forcing during the winter, make delectable salads.

These crops need good garden soil, deeply prepared. Seed of chicory may be sown in early summer and plants thinned to $3^{\prime \prime}$ apart in rows $2^{\prime}$ (Continued on page 163)


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## GERANIUMS

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really see to believe. During dormant periods they are impossibly ugly, giving no hint of the rare beauty some of them later achieve. In bloom they make an interesting rangy covering for a greenhouse wall and many are charming to combine with other pelargoniums in mixed bouquets of the genus or to arrange with other quite different flowers. From this group, perhaps, will come eventually a yellow geranium or flowers of marked fragrance. The sweet-scented evening blossoms of $P$. rutaceum, the Rue-scented Storksbill, are composed of tiny maroon petals with yellow rim and base, while the rather rare and pretty $P$. gibbosum, the Knotted Storksbill, bears sweetsmelling blooms of greenish yellow. Another scented variety is the tuberousrooted, climbing $P$. glaucifolium. P. tet ragonum, $P$. scandens, and the thorny $P$. echinatum and $P$. stapeltoni are others worth knowing.

Of the colored-leaved geraniums, available in many, many varieties in Victorian days, there are now only about forty. Some of these, like the tricolor Mrs. Cox with its leaf of vermilion, purple and yellow or Miss Burdett Coutts of purple, pink and cream, are rare and difficult. Others, like the green and white Mme. Salleroi, once so freely used to border circular canna beds, and the charming Distinc-
tion with a neat brown circle near the outer edge of its leaf, are easy to find.

In the West, permanent outdoor plantings of these colored-leaved pelargoniums are often possible. In the East, when there is room in greenhouse or sunroom to winter a considerable number of plants, they make excellent, double-duty specimens. Their interesting leaves brighten any room in winter; in summer, they may be plunged in garden beds, planted in porch boxes sheltered from the wind, or arranged in telling groups on the veranda. In white tubs, the red-flowering "silver" leaved varieties like Mary Anne, Mountains of Snow and Beckwith Pride are delightful, while an old-fashioned hat and umbrella stand painted white and fitted with brackets makes an ideal place to display any of them.

Those who delight in collecting these colored-leaved plants also include the tricolors, Mrs. Pollock and Skies of Italy. The green and yellow bicolors or butterfly geraniums are represented by Happy Thought and Crystal Palace Gem. Alpha, Graves Jubilee, Bronze Beauty and the Marshal MacMahon family form a yellow and brown classification. P. frutetorum and Distinction are green with black zones of different widths. Then there are the green and whites, including the familiar Silver (Continued on page 161)

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## GERANIUMS

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Leaf S. A. Nutt, and rare yellows like Gold Leaf, Verona and Cloth of Gold.

The scented-leaved geraniums are known to all by the familiar Rose and Lemon varieties. Yet these are but a very small part of this scented story. There are in this country several outstanding collections of the scented types, all, to my knowledge, in the East. Miss Dorcas Brigham at Williamsburg, Massachusetts, has the largest, numbering about seventy-five. Until such a collection has been visited and studied their variation is unbelievable.

The scented pelargoniums exist in six fairly well-defined classifications of Rose, Lemon, Fruit, Mint, Spice and Pungent and it is not by any means imagination alone which makes the crushed leaf of one smell like peppermint and that of another like apples stored in the barn. The scents of the same varieties, of course, will vary according to conditions of perception and also the degree of oil release. On hot, still, sunny days this occurs to some degree automatically but it is always the bruised leaf which emits the strongest fragrance.

Almost any scented geranium is its own excuse for being, but the plants also have definite values. I like them best as they're planted at Miss Brigham's on a sunny terrace supported by a rock

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wall. Even cuttings from so many require plenty of room indoors in winter, a fact which collectors bent on a complete list must keep in mind. In parts of California, however, where temperatures do not fall below twenty-eight degrees, they are hardy and often of evergreen tendency, developing into three- and four-foot shrubs of real beauty in the landscape.

Everywhere the scented geraniums make showy terrace or porch plants and may also be trained to standard form. Many are suited to window boxes and a few even to the rock garden since the form of the plants varies as well as the leaf structure and the scent. Tall and short, compact and rangy, usually with tiny flowers but occasionally, as in the case of Clorinda, with large ones, the scented varieties are a truly fascinating classification. A collection might well be started with a dozen, two from each arbitrary group: Rose, $P$. graveolens, probably the true Rose, and Red-flowered Rose; Lemon, $P$. crispum minor, the "finger bowl geranium," and P. melissimum, Lemon Balm; Fruit, P. nervosum, Lime, and P. odoratissimum, Apple; Mint, P. tomentosum, Peppermint, and Joy Lucille, a cross of this with $P$. graveolens; Spice, P. fragrans, Nutmeg, and $P$. torento, Ginger; and the Pungent, (Continued on page 162)

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The Ivy-leaved Geranium, P. pel tatum, in the East makes a rather delicate plant, alight with late winter bloom, or a summer beauty of rather occasional color when plunged in the open garden, but in the West it realizes its true beauty. In cascading fountains of color varieties such as the vigorous rose-pink Charles Turner, the scarlet In tensity and blue-white Mrs. Banks drape walls near San Francisco; as carpets of delicate lavender or silvery pink, Jeanne d'Arc and The Blush make beautiful ground covers for whole acres in San Diego. The ivies can also be used to hide banks or cover small divisional fences in gardens while nothing for hanging baskets surpasses such free-blooming plants as the rose-pink Mrs. H. J. Jones with its laciniated petals, The Duchess lilac-white, or the white, feathered-rose Princess Victoria.

The Martha or Lady Washing. ton Geranium, P. domesticum, which even in common parlance is often called pelargonium, is little seen in the East except as florists' plants for Easter, Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Usually outside the greenhouse its life is brief here, although some gardeners have discovered that, planted directly in the garden, the domesticum will flower on until fall in propitious seasons.

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for the "ivies" it is fine and lasting for bouquets and corsages, although growers have long advised some sort of gluing to keep blossoms from shattering. I never found this necessary.

In the West the Washington Ger aniums are always handsome and out standing. Through most of California they flourish in either sun or light shade and prove better plants for direct garden bedding than for pots. The domesticum is particularly impressive if it is planted in one variety, like the deep pink Diener's Giant, blush Gardener's Joy or red to orange Anna Rudloff, for the brilliant bordering of a walk or foundation. The white Duchess of Kent, pink Edith North, salmon Mary Elizabeth or orchid German Glory are also striking if grown tall and pruned flat against a bright patio wall or redwood fence, while that old-fashioned, smallflowered favorite, the Pansy Geranium Mrs. Layal is engaging anywhere.

Many gorgeous new varieties of domesticum are introduced each year The rose, maroon-veined John Winter mute recently caused much excitement The shell-pink Ballerina and lilac Star dust appear this year with four varie ties, Spring Glory, Summer Charm, Autumn Glow and Winter Cheer, hybridized by an amateur, Helen Roberts Bohannon of Berkeley. I saw these last fall and all are very lovely.

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apart. Regular cultivation and watering during dry weather brings them to maturity in the fall. Roots, trimmed and planted in light soil or sand in the cellar, yield sprouts in about four weeks. Those left in the ground, protected by a mulch after freezing, send up greens the following spring.

Parsnip seed may be planted early in June. Seedlings are given $5^{\prime \prime}$ of space in rows $2 \frac{1}{2^{\prime}}$ apart. The roots are ready for eating from frost until hard freezing imprisons them. For winter convenience, parsnips are pulled in November, tops twisted off to leave a $3^{\prime \prime}$ stub, and the roots stored in a nest of dry leaves outdoors. We have cooked such roots in March and found the flesh crisp and flavorful. Plants left in the rows are a first fruit of the new season.

The wood-like seed of salsify can be sown anytime until early June in rows $1^{1} 2^{\prime}$ to $2^{\prime}$ apart, and thinned to $4^{\prime \prime}$ in the row. Like parsnip, salsify requires deep soil and can either be dug and stored for use during the winter or left in the ground for digging in early spring.

Swiss chard, spinach, dandelion, mustard, kale and chinese cabbage are fast-growing crops that may be started in August for autumn, and, in the cases of kale and dandelion, early spring harvest. Spinach, too, if brought
to the proper stage of development and mulched will winter over in Connecticut.

About $2^{\prime}$ should be left between rows of chard. Plants are set $6^{\prime \prime}$ apart in the row, and, as they develop, every other one may be pulled to give more space. The nutritious leaves and midribs may be served to the family from the thinning stage until freezing weather. In 1944 chard was last harvested in a Mount Carmel garden in midNovember. Mercury had dropped below 32 degrees with a low of 21 many times before that date.

Savoy spinach, started in August and watered as necessary during drought, will provide greens until the ground freezes. Seed is sown about $1 / 2$ " deep in fertile soil. Seedlings stand $1^{\prime \prime}$ apart, and as they start to crowd, every other plant is pulled and used in the kitchen.

Those who relish the bitter green flavor of young dandelions will find the cultivated plant more delicious than the wildling. Seed is started in August, about seventy days before freezing weather is expected. Seedlings are best given $6^{\prime \prime}$ each in rows standing 1' apart. A mulch in late November will protect the plants from winter injury and they will start to grow as soon as the covering is removed in spring. (Continued on page 164)

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Mustard is another weed that has a place in the green garden. Some people prefer the pungent tang after the foliage has been frosted. For late use start seed in prepared soil in August. Rows stand $\mathrm{I}^{\prime}$ apart and plants should be given $6^{\prime \prime}$ or more. Pluck the leaves while they are young, discard the stems, and serve mustard raw or cooked. Mustard lives through much dry weather and remains edible until Thanksgiving or later.

In dealing with any of the cultivated weeds, it is wise to remember that such plants permitted to go to seed may take possession of your plot. A short row of each of a number of leafy vegetables will yield a goodly supply of greens and salad materials.

Two kinds of kale are planted in northern gardens and both are improved by frost. The Scotch continues to yield until December here, while the Siberian remains green under winter snow. Seed may be planted in August. Like other late started vegetables, kale may need water to get under way. Seedlings are thinned to $6^{\prime \prime}$ apart in rows $1^{1} / 2^{\prime}$ apart. Later every other plant may be pulled for salad or cooking.

Siberian kale was thriving under a deep snowfall in January of this year. At that time the mercury had dip-
ped much below zero more than once.
Another easily grown vegetable with an interesting taste flavor is Chinese cabbage. This tall, heading plant of crisp leaves with broad midribs is excellent either cooked or in salad.

Seed is sown in fertile soil in August. Supplied with some moisture, the head will mature in from seventy to eighty days. Allow each $15^{\prime \prime}$ in rows at least $24^{\prime \prime}$ apart. Pe Tsai variety with long leaves resembling cos lettuce, lived in a garden in this neighborhood until December 5. Not only did the heads enjoy frosty weather but they endured temperatures as low as 15 degrees F.

Long after late lettuce has succumbed to frost, endive may be taken from the garden. Seed is started in July for the fall crop, and plants are thinned to stand $1^{\prime}$ apart in rows $18^{\prime \prime}$ apart. When nearly full grown, the outer leaves are drawn together and tied in order to produce the blanched white heart. Protected by a mulch after freezing weather, endive will live in the garden until the beginning of December.

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To illustrate his method Mr. Voigt selected a small, paved house-garden viewed through panoramic windows, a garden that in summer will serve as an extra living room. Besides showing the seasonal color changes outdoors he records it also in house plants.

The plan includes small trees and a wall or high fence with a midway extension of equal height to give the garden the simulation of two rooms, or two parts of one large room. The planting is mainly concentrated around the edges, leaving the pavement clear for strolling and groups of outdoor furniture.

Following is a list of plants used in Mr. Voigt's garden designs, illustrated in color on page 95.

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Clematis jackmani, Purple Clematis (on louvered screen)
Euonymus radicans, Wintercreeper (also ground cover) Hedera helix, English Ivy (alsó ground cover) Wisteria multijuga, Longcluster Wisteria


## GROUND COVER PLANTS

*Ajuga reptans, Bugle-weed
Arctostaphylos uva-ursi, Bearberry
${ }^{*}$ Cotoneaster adpressa, Creeping Cotoneaster
Mitchella repens, Partridgeberry (Continued on page 166)


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Myosotis scorpioides, True Forget-me-not
Thunbergia alata lutea (Tender: must be planted each year)
Thymus serphyllum, Mother of Thyme Vinca minor, Periwinkle

## HERBACEOUS PLANTS

*Aconitum fischeri wilsoni, Monkshood

- Anchusa myosotidiflora, Alkanet

Anemone japonica hupehensis, Japanese Anemone
*Aquilegia flabellata nana alba, White Columbine
Aruncus sylvester, Goats-beard
Aster alpinus, Alpine Aster

- Aster pumosus Niobe, White Fall Aster
*Begonia tuberhybrida, Tuberous Begonia
*Belamcanda chinensis, Blackberry Lily
Bellis perennis, English Daisy
*Cerastium tomentosa, Snow-in-summer
*Convallaria majalis, Lily-of-the-valley Dianthus plumarius, Grass Pink
*Dicentra eximia, Plumy Bleeding. heart
*Dicentra spectabilis, Common Bleedingheart
*Helleborus niger, Christmas Rose Hemerocallis thunbergi, Thunberg Daylily

Heuchera sanquinea, Coralbells
Hosta caerulea, Blue Plantainlily
*Hosta plantaginea, Fragrant Plantainlily
Iberis sempervirens, Hardy Candytuft
*Iris cristata, Crested Iris
*Mentha piperita, Peppermint
*Mertensia virginica, Bluebells
*Nepeta mussini, Catnip
*Pulmonaria saccharata maculata, Bethlehem Lungwort
*Salvia officinalis, Garden Sage
Sedum acre, Goldmoss Stonecrop
*Sedum sieboldi, Siebold Stonecrop
Sempervivum montanum, Hen-andchickens
Viola canadensis, White Violet
*Viola odorata, Sweet Violet

## FERNS

*Asplenium pinnatifidum, Dwarf Spleenwort
*Comptosorus rhizophyllus, Walkingleaf Fern
*Osmunda cinnamomea, Cinnamon Fern
*Polystichum acrostichoides, Christmas Fern

## BULBS

*Chionodoxa luciliae, Glory-of-the snow
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## FOUR SEASON CARDEN

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*Colchicum autumnale album, White Autumn Crocus
*Crocus imperati

* Crocus susianus

Crocus zonatus, Autumn Crocus
*Eranthis hyemalis, Winter Aconite
*Galanthus nivalis, Snowdrop
*Lilium canadense flavum, Yellow Canada Lily
Lycoris squamigera, Hardy Amaryllis Muscari botryoides, Grape-hyacinth *Narcissus bicolor
*Narcissus jonquilla
*Narcissus incomparabilis

* Narcissus leedsi
*Narcissus poeticus
*Scilla siberica, Siberian Squill
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Roses in low dish
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Gourds
Oak leaves in vase
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