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viennese mantel clock
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french andirons


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1. In this case of shiny black calf lined in lush red suede, favorite jewels can travel in style, each in its own pocket. By Constance Originals, $\$ 16.50$, The Maramor. Opposite page: 2. Beautifully made rosewood sewing box has drawers specially compartmented for different kinds of sewing gear. $\$ 55$, made to order by Von Miklos. 3. Furry little animals-a mouse, a squirrel, a chipmunk and a baby skunk-are finger puppets that look shiveringly real. $\$ 5.95$ the four, F.A.O. Schwarz.

2. A child's needle-point set from France is complete with yarn, needles, a gay yarn-winding doll and four 5 -inch-square color-printed canvases to work on. $\$ 2.98$, Bloomingdale's. Opposite page: 5. The red-coated grenadier in the towering fur hat is really a papier-mâché coin bank, 15 inches high. \$17, Ginori Fifth Avenue. 6. Gaily painted retablo, made by the Indians of Peru, might go to a grown-up lover of folk art, or to a youngster who delights in miniatures. 10 inches high, $\$ 16.50$, Stuff and Nonsense.

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## choice $\mathbf{C D}$ ideas <br> 



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Going places, finding things in

# Parma, Bologna and Ravenna 

Awaiting you in these three North Italian cities:

Parma's Renaissance treasures, Bologna's gastronomic adventures and the magnificent mosaics of Byzantine Ravenna by doone beal

EDITOR'S NOTE: Doone Beal, Lady Marley, is a well-traveled Englishwoman, who writes often for $H \& G$ - she has covered Portugal (March, 1962) and Belgium (June, 1962) for us. She has a special interest in the art galleries, museums and shops-and the famous kitchens to which her charm and curiosity gain her entry.

Italy is perhaps the most interestingly diverse country in Europe. The hundred years which have elapsed since its separate states and kingdoms became a united country after the Risorgimento have not blurred the outlines between regions that are historically and artistically and physically quite different. Even the food, the wines, the dialects are dissimilar.

I suppose Tuscany, the Lakes
and the Amalfian peninsula, south of Naples, might be considered the great beauties. Venice, Florence, Rome and Naples form the usual visitors' quadrangle, and in summer at least they are a kind of Anglo-American cultural playground. What most tourists miss is the Italy-no more "real" but infinitely less exploited-that lies around, between and outside the accepted trail.

One part of the country which offers an interesting bouquet is the province of Emilia: a large wedge, cut out of the upper right-hand side of Italy. Almost at the apex of the wedge is the city of Parma. The province then fans out toward the flat plains of the coast to the mouth of the Po River at the north, with the ancient Byzantine city of Ravenna midway down the
coast, and the now somewhat Coney-Island resort of Rimini to the south. It is a land of rice fields and brilliant, yellow-green pastures, the foothills of the glorious Apennines in the distance; of stubby Mediterranean pines and orchards, rivers, dykes and the great skyscapes which are the peculiar beauty of flat country. The straightest road in Italy, the ancient Emilian Way, still links the principal cities in a long, diagonal drop toward the coast.

Emilia is today one of the richest agricultural areas in Italy. From the fifteenth century onward, it was rich in another way: it was the seat of many of the great families-the Farnese of Parma, the Este of Ferrara, the Gonzaga of Mantua-who vied with each other for the most elegant palaces, the most talented painters. Nor were their pleasures entirely selfish: in true feudal tradition, their handsome commissions drew the architects and sculptors and painters to build and decorate public buildings, as the Medici had done for Florence, the succession of doges for Venice.

Parma, once a duchy in its own right, is the home of violets (and a huge accompanying perfume industry), of Verdi, Toscanini and the painters Il Parmigiano and Correggio. It has one of the most exquisite small theatres,
built by the Farnese, and one of the toughest operatic traditions in Europe (the season is in January). It is also known for tomato canning, ham curing, cheese production and altogether wonderful food, thus offering an excursion in at least four of the important senses. Bicycles whiz noiselessly through the broad, cobbled streets, and the people are oblivious to the visitors who have sought out Parma for the sake of its art treasures-a welcome contrast, I am bound to say, from the jingling of the guinea and the dollar that goes on in Venice.

Parma's pride in having given birth to both Verdi and Toscanini is equaled only by the affection of the Parmesana for their adopted Austrian, Marie Louise. Napoleon's second wife and a Hapsburg princess, she was made Duchess of Parma after the Treaty of Paris, when Napoleon was already in exile. She was an energetic patron of the arts among a people who cared passionately and critically for them. It is interesting to compare Canova's lovely statue of her in Parma's National Gallery with a less kindly portrait by Borghesi which depicts her as heavily rouged, tightly curled and rather aggressive looking. The Gallery contains one of the best collections in Italy, including works by Leonardo da

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Vinci, Il Beato Angelico, Tiepolo and Canaletto. But the greatest treasure is the Correggios. Bernard Berenson once remarked that a Titian was perhaps inevitable in Venice, as a Michelangelo was in Florence, but that Correggio " in the petty principalities of Emilia" was a miracle. Correggio was the first painter ever to portray children as they really are and not as doll-sized adults. Apart from those in the Gallery, some enchanting examples of his work are the oval frescoes on the ceiling of the Chamber of St. Paul, nearby, and his frescoed dome in the cathedral.

Another of Parma's great pleasures is its food, which, together with that of Bologna, with whom the palm is hotly contested, is some of the best in Italy. In
spring, you'll get more asparagus cooked in a greater variety than you could believe possible. (One way: rolled in Parmesan cheese with melted butter over the top.) But the culinary mainstays are delicious stuffed meats-a roast loin of pork stuffed with minced veal and herbs and truffles, perhaps. The great gastronomic temple is Aurore, which is so revered that you feel almost privileged to get the last table there on a busy night. I spent a morning in their kitchens, fascinated as ever by the seemingly careless precision with which the chefs work, stitching great joints of veal with larding needles as a seamstress might tack chiffon. One of the best dishes of the house-and simplest to copy-is Rosto Aurore: Mince a pound of veal together with a pound of pork; add a quarter pound of finely grated Parmesan cheese, two whole eggs, sliced truffles, salt, fresh-ground pepper, lemon juice and thyme. Roll small handfuls of this mixture in separate slices of raw Parma ham, then in thin rolls of pork fat. Fry gently in butter for about an hour.

The wines of the region are rarely exported, but those to order with your meal are the sparkling red Lambrusco and the more classical Sangiovese, both for roasts. Then there are delicious sweet wines-Moscato, Malvasia
and Sauvignon-to accompany the numerous varieties of marzi pan and macaroons and pastry.

## Bountiful Bologna

Bologna, one of the most important industrial centers of Italy, is far more beautiful than the label "industrial" might ever lead one to suppose. Its nicknames tell their own tale: "the red city" because its buildings are of rosyred brick; "the learned city" because it is the seat of Italy's oldest university; and "city of towers" because fourteen out of Bologna's original 200 medieval defense towers remain, relics of the centuries-old feud with Florence when both were city states. Its atmosphere is, in fact, very medieval, and there is promise of some interesting buildings to explore. But in the knowledge that its art treasures in no way approximate those of either Parma or Ravenna, the visitor's attention is quickly riveted to its chief raisons d'être: its restaurants and shops.

Bologna's streets are lined with no less than twenty-two miles of arcades, housing some of the best and cheapest shops in the country. Shoes, textiles and furnishing fabrics, leather things, copper, glass, ceramics and iron-work-here are goods that are exported, in rising price spirals, all
over the world. Although the shops are far too numerous to list, the chief shopping area is easy to navigate. The Logia del Pavalone runs alongside the main square, Piazza Nettuno. Below the Piazza are Via Rizzoli, with Piazza della Mercanzia at its extreme end, Via Ugo Bassi, and Via Independenza, which has possibly the best shops of all. In a marketplace just off it, I found enormous colored glass goblets which could make the most exotic martini mixers ever, for around $\$ 3$. You can find, in the many decorating shops, the famous ceramic china from Faenza (which gave its name to faience), and attractive enameled copper-ware-ashtrays, bowls and some jewelry-from Pesaro. An especially good shop for leather things -bookbinders and blotters-is on the corner of Via Rizzoli and Piazza della Mercanzia. One word of warning about shopping in Bo logna: study the calendar and make certain that your intended visit does not coincide with any Roman Catholic feast day or public holiday, when the shops-unlike those of Rome and Florence, whose merchants keep an eye on business-are tightly shuttered

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Al Papagallo is the most famous, as is testified by a gallery of signed portraits of actors, writers, musicians and politicians lining its walls. Here is tradition, and one is well advised to ask the advice of the maître. One of their great dishes is Filetto Tacchino Margaret Rose (a fillet of turkey with truffles, baked in its own little envelope of pastry and served with a sauce mousseline). As in Parma, many of the best dishes are farcire (stuffed). Samprieri is another highly atmospheric restaurant, rather rustic and almost as renowned as Papagallo.

But I had the best meal of the lot in a newly opened, elegant little restaurant called Don Chiscoitte, 2 Via degli Albari. Here was a quite unmatchable Quiche Lorraine and an interesting variation on the traditional fritto misto: corn fritters and pieces of fried apple dusted in sugar accompanied the usual deep-fry of artichokes, asparagus, brains and sweetbreads. The object of my visit to the kitchen, however, was to find out how they prepare the pastas and, above all, the sauce Bolognese for which the city is so famous. As usual, the methods were freehand, but the vital point is to add both chicken livers and diced ham to the minced beef and onions which are the basis of the sauce. The chefs also go to the trouble of making their purée from fresh tomatoes-a detail, but it counts. Where a white Béchamel sauce is used, as in lasagna, it is only lightly flavored, with salt, lemon juice and a pinch of nutmeg. The cheese is dusted on the top before the dish goes into the oven, never incorporated into the sauce itself. Finally, no pasta is cooked for more than fifteen minutes. Italians like it al dente.

## Medieval Mantua

Bologna is an easy base from which to visit the surrounding art towns of Modena, Ferrara, Faenza and Mantua. The latter is one of the most interesting little art towns in northern Italy. It is a walled city that lies, apparently isolated, in the low marshes of the Po valley. Its Palazzo Ducale, originally built in the fourteenth century but added to much later, is the largest of its kind outside the Vatican. It embraces the castle of San Giorgio and the church of San Barbara, whose rose-red campanile is a landmark for miles around. Not all of the ducal palace's 500 -odd rooms are open to the public, but you can see a Hall of Mirrors, a Hall of the Rivers and one of the Marriage Chambers, which is frescoed by Mantegna. Rooms with the proportions necessary to hold so many mirrors belong, alas, to another age, but
the lovely clouded mirrors themselves are worth searching for, and since Mantua is less exploited for antiques than most towns, a rummage around the back streets would be well worth the trouble.

Less formidable and tiny by comparison with the Palazzo Ducale is the Palazzo Te, built for the mistress of Duke Frederico di Gonzaga. Another Gonzaga palace is that at Sabionetta, between Mantua and Parma. The palace itself is melancholy with decayed riches, but its formal gardens are a classic of their kind.

## Italy's Byzantium

The chief draw to most people visiting this area, however, will be the ancient Byzantine city of Ravenna, some forty miles from Bologna toward the coast. Love for Byzantine art may be an acquired taste, but it is a heady draught to those who have become addicted. Its most famous monu-ments-the churches of Daphni, just outside Athens; Santa Sofia and Santa Saveur in Constantinople; Monreale and the Palatine Chapel in Palermo; San Marco in Venjee; and San Vitale in Raven-na-are among the landmarks of Europe. And their firework displays of mosaic are purely and absolutely beautiful. More specifically, they represent links in a civilization that continued from the mid-fifth until the mid-fifteenth century, when the Ottoman Turks sacked Constantinople and converted its churches into mosques, destroying all the mosaics that depicted figures, human or divine. Thinking of present-day Constantinople-Istanbul-it is odd to compare it with the peaceful little backwater of a market town which is Ravenna. And to realize that once they were of equal status, twin cities of the late Roman, the early Byzantine empire. But with this difference: the Turks never got to the Italian peninsula. So Ravenna's monuments are remarkably well preserved.

Ravenna reached the zenith of its power in the sixth century, when most of its churches were built. Then it slowly declined into a prosperous but unimportant city. Visiting it in the 1800's, Byron described it as "a dead and soundless city" of malarial swamp (but his association with Teresa Gamba kept him there for several weeks anyway). The impression of Ravenna now (cleared of malaria, I hasten to add) is of a pretty, hard-working little market town known as "the city of forty thousand souls and eighty thousand bicycles."

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church of Sant' Apollinare in Classe. Classe was the seaport where once the galleons of the Caesars rode at anchor, and it was indeed the chief reason why Ravenna was capital of the West Roman Empire during the fifth century. Later abandoned by everybody even the sea went away-Classe became a wild noman's land, eventually reclaimed and planted with pine trees and orchards, where Garibaldi took one of his many refuges in his fight to reunite Italy. The church there is of pinkly honey-colored stones and has a magnificent cylindrical bell-tower that stands apart, spiked by tall cypresses. Inside, the mosaics, depicting lilies, lambs and shepherds, are all green and white and gold, and the effect, if less spectacular than that of the brilliant dark blue and gold mosaics elsewhere, is one of wonderful peace and proportion.

Although rewarding enough on the purely visual level, the churches and monuments of Ravenna do repay the guiding hand or, alternatively, some assiduous reading. For example, the galleons of the port at Classe are depicted in mosaic on the walls of Sant' Apollinare Nuovo, in Ravenna. The church was built by the same semi-barbaric King Theo-
doric who built its companion church on the port. It was the Emperor Justinian who finally claimed Ravenna for the Byzantine Empire in 540, and who completed its most famous church, San Vitale. Here again, the mosaics are beautiful.

Galla Placidia, the EmpressRegent who ruled Ravenna in the third century, before the barbarians, is commemorated by a mausoleum which is one of the city's loveliest and most famous monuments. It is only the size of a small chapel but, like the Taj Mahal, it is one of the few monuments in the world which are dedicated as a labor of love to women. Its dark blue and gold mosaics are best seen when they are lit through the golden alabaster windows by the late morning sun. Here are the famous doves drinking from the chalice, as well as gold mosaic heads of a lion, an angel, a bull and an eagle to symbolize the Four Apostles.

And last among the great beauties of Ravenna, although it by no means exhausts the places to see, is the Orthodox Baptistry, whose fluid and living figures are so different from the stylized, static art of the later Empire. Dante mused and dreamed there when he was completing his "Di-


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vine Comedy," and his tomb is nearby, in San Francesco.

It is perhaps odd that little or no mosaic work of contemporary design can be found in Ravenna. The only ones I saw were copies of details from the old mosaics in the churches. These were on sale in a large stationers' shop (of all places) in the main Piazza del'Erbe. But I tracked the artist to source: Signorina Renato lives on the top floor at number 15, Via Cavour, just off the Piazza, and she speaks only Italian. I got the impression that she might design to order, given time. Prices for her existing pieces started at around
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The notes of a happy housekeeper

BY MARY ELIZABETH FALTER

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Now that the New Year is almost upon us, you can practically hear the rustle of all those new leaves being turned over. New leaves make me think of lovely clean pages on the calendar and in the ledger book, and what a perfect time of year this is to overhaul our record-keeping and time-planning equipment. So I've made the rounds of the stationery and office supply shops with some gratifying results.

First of all, I tracked down a really good week-at-a-glance engagement book called "My Week," published by the National Blank Book Company. It's inexpensive, roomy, and opens flat to show a whole week with a line for each half hour from 8 A.M. to 9 P.M. Also has room for memgs each week, two pages in the back for appointments projected into the next year and two pages for important telephone numbers and addresses. It comes in a dark leather-like spiral binding.

To supplement this, I'll keep the Phillip Brooks month-at-aglance calendars by every phone so the whole family can write down appointments on it. Then we can keep track of each other and the family cars.

Also invested in a real bookkeeper's double-entry ledger for recording all bank deposits and withdrawals, thus simplifying the income tax job, and a dozen big manila envelopes for each month's receipts. Maybe I'll have the time this winter to re-do our address and telephone book in the handsome Mark Cross looseleaf book I acquired. I may even order extra pages and add other kinds of permanent records for future convenient reference.

Winter means rain, snow and mud and the inevitable headache of trying to protect fine floors and carpets from the effects of having same tracked into the house. I have seen one appliance, however, that seems to be engineered to meet just this kind of a challenge. It's the Westinghouse Rug-Cleaner Scrubber-Polisher which in my opinion really deserves its impressive title. It comes in a "complete
home floor care kit" that includes a scrubbing brush, a waxing brush, a rug-cleaning attachment, a built-in liquid dispenser and disposable buffing pads. It seems to work so easily-you simply put the appropriate brush on the floor and drop the machine into it, automatically locking them together. Then you start the motor by lowering the handle. You can put liquid detergent solution, wax, or rug shampoo in the built-in dispenser, and the machine will do its scrubbing or polishing without spattering.

If you have any lamps, ashtrays or other bric-a-brac that are close to your heart but unfortunately leave tiny scratches on all your best tables, you might try Avery Self-Adhesive Felt Pads 'n Strips. These are little round (size of a quarter) green pads and thin felt strips that come on a self-adhering backing in a package of twenty-six. You just peel off the backing and press felt in place.

I hardly expected to buy anything for myself when I went to an art supplies shop with a friend of mire who paints. But I came away with a purchase that I'm sure will be worth far more than the modest dollar and a half that it cost. It's a Lamb Wedge-lock Mat Knife with a heavy aluminum grip that fits the hand and a short, sharp, replaceable blade. It's already

been put to work trimming fresh Marvelon and shelf paper for the kitchen, and it was wonderfully useful cutting corrugated board and cord the other day when I had to wrap some packages to send Sue at college. In fact, it's so handy I don't know whether to keep it in the kitchen, the sewing room or on the tool rack. Five blades are stored in the handle so that you always have a sharp one.


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hristmas, we say, is for the children. Their awe, their surprise, their delight, their merriment we experience vicariously as we shower treats upon them. For a few hours we can share their childhood, since childhood is eternal. But children grow up. And when they become men, they put away childish things (or should)-including their expectations of Santa Claus. In the country meeting house, above, the Christmas light shines on men and women of the Nineteen Eighties who come bearing gifts, the makings of a crèche. (The pig they have left on the floor.) No merchandise, these offerings, but the work of the bearers' own hands, the projection of their own imaginations. The women, as might be expected, are concerned with the contents of the cradle. The men have the long contemplative looks characteristic of their age. But all six are offering the one gift that is most worth giving - the gift of themselves. May we all keep Christmas as well.



## Tree of wonder, tree of light t he German people call it the Weih-

 nachtsbaum-the tree they say Martin Luther, in a sudden burst of gaiety, lit with candles and made a symbol of Christmas. No matter whose the first candles, their latterday counterparts still light a symbol that has become universal, sentimental, always enchanting-whether hung with Fabergé jewels and ermine tails (should they be at hand) or popcorn. But the most wonderful, truly-forChristmas tree H\&G has ever seen is this one, a family affair that comes to life each year under the La Porte, Ind., roof of Judge Alfred J. Link, an insatiable collector of Christmas tree memorabilia. One of his earliest acquisitions, a cocky glass bird, still spends the month required to trim the tree as a watchman wired to the living room chandelier. For almost fifty years, this glossy old fellow has been the Christmas Bird.The watchbird ensconced, work begins with the swagging of lights-an unbelievable array, some of them simple twinklers, others shaped like flowers. (Many of them are $\mathrm{H} \& \mathrm{G}$ lights which you can see close-up on page 175.) Then the Judge's daughter, Mrs. Helen Fargher, starts the task of unwrapping the treasures: balls, horns, cornucopias, angels, animals, mushrooms, fruit, curious fantasies from France, an ancient and irreplaceable Saint Nicholas. The procession marches on until the tree can hold nothing more but the Christmas Bird. His vigil finished, he comes down from the chandelier to perch on the last twig to offer haven.

The tree is never the same two years running. Since Judge Link has collected enough ornaments to decorate half the Christmas trees in La Porte, colors and patterns change with the family's fancy. Only one aspect remains constant: splendor-a lovingly created glory that would have astonished even Fabergé. If, like Judge Link, you believe such splendor is one of the most exciting parts of Christmas, won't you share your Christmas tree for 1962 with $\mathrm{H} \& \mathrm{G}$ ? For more about our proposal, turn to page 192.

The glorious result of
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## Joyous flowers Exuberant colors Tiny touches of glitter

# HzG's Christmas ornaments for 1962 

nothing says Christmas more directly or more exuberantly than color and light, both of which are brilliantly captured in folk art, a well of inspiration that never runs dry. Last year, $\mathrm{H} \& \mathrm{G}$ borrowed from folk art ideas for a series of make-it-yourself Christmas decorations very much like those that embellish the backgrounds for the party on page 135. This year, we have turned to the spirit of folk art again for a galaxy of quite different ornaments you can buy ready-made and use in dozens of ways-for instance, the glowing arrangement on our cover.

Designed for $\mathrm{H}_{\&} \mathrm{G}$ by Ouida, these decorations offer just about everything you might need for mantel and wall, table and tree. There are flowering wall ornaments; mantel trees of exciting shapes and dramatic size; flowered centerpieces, baskets and candleholders; and, to hang on a Christmas tree, pendant balls, baskets and mirrors, decked with gay tassels or plush-wire curlicues. The colors have a fresh-eyed clarity and boldness that call to mind the folk creations of Spain, Latin America or Japan. The materials are the simple, familiar ingredients of folk art: paper flowers and birds, bright yarns, tinsel and glittery beads. But the decorations themselves have a sophistication that would make them radiantly right on the most elegant party table or in the most polished contemporary living room. And, because of the universal character of their designs, they will blend beautifully with whatever you may have in your personal collection of ornaments and become a cherished part of your family's Christmas tradition.

Cascading tassels in sundrenched yellows and pinks freight the Christmas tree in the hall of architect Bruce Graham's apartment. Some of the thick yarn tassels are formed like angels, tipped with shiny bells; dozens more sway from Christmas balls suspended in lacy cages of plush wire. The bright theme is echoed by standard balls of pink and gold. And scores of tiny mirror ornaments, framed in pretty curlicues of plush wire, reflect a hundredfold the dance of color and light. For shopping information, see page 180.

# Christmas alchemy 

## You can turn plastic crystals

## into shimmering ornaments

by baking them in your oven


#### Abstract

EH Making things for Christmas is as much a part of celebrating Christmas as singing carols and giving presents. There is joy in the actual making and an added dimension of joy offered by the results. For when you put your hands to work for Christmas, you are also giving something of yourself. One way you can put them to work this yearif alchemy can be ealled work-is to make shimmering, glistening, translucent ornaments for your rooms, your tree and your holiday tables by the simple magic of pouring plastic crystals into cookie molds and baking them in your oven. You don't have to be a chemist or a ceramist. You don't even have to know exactly what you are making, for surprise at what comes out of the oven is half the fun. But you can be sure that whatever comes out will be delightful to see-stars, icicles, all manner of lustrous pendants with brilliantly colored designs mysteriously embedded beneath their translucent textured surfaces. Everything you need to make the basic ornaments comes in a kit-clear plastic crystals, instant dyes to color them, chips of colored glass, small wire hangers and complete instructions. In addition, you can buy packets of photographer's gelatins to cut into fanciful motifs and bury in the crystals before baking - which is the secret of the vivid jewel-like centers. You mix the ingredients as you please (no liquid, no mess), then bake them in shallow pans-anything from tiny cookie molds to pizza pans according to the shape and size you have in mind. After ten to fifteen minutes in a medium hot oven, the crystals will merge into solid shapes with a many-faceted sparkle. Bake them a little longer if you like and the crystals will fuse still more, and become more transparent. Let them cool and they are all ready to trim a Christmas tree, tie on a gift or hang in a window where light shining through them will give them the look of stained glass. In addition to the basic kit, you can order by mail a number of easy-to-assemble frameworks such as a centerpiece stand, an espalier tree and the skeleton for a chandelier which you can use as the basis of even more spectacular arrangements.


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Flowers, birds and tassels - the bright motifs of H\& G's 1962 Christmas ornamentshave been put together in a score of versatile fantasies that include (from FAR LEFT, oproSITE PAGE): garlanded candlesticks in three sizes, with bird-and-tassel ornaments to slip onto the tapers; a trio of pendants-tassel. tipped, curlicue-crowned balls, a flower-and-tinsel-girded basket, an arabesqued mirror; a tinsel tree for the table, laced with bright yarn and flowers; and a tassel angel that Ouida calls Bella-Bella.

- opposite page, above: The mass of radiant color on the table in Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sheehan's dining room is the stunning result of a pair of half-wreaths (each with three candleholders) that circle a flower-ball centerpiece. Slip-on ornaments - snowy birds and tassels-deck the candles and napkins. - opposite pace, below : Flowered wreaths take on a more informal, folk-fashioned air against the rugged brickwork of the fire. place in Bruce Graham's apartment. Tasseled ornaments have been added to the smaller wreaths, and a tiny flowered basket repeats the theme on the table.
- above: A wall ornament of dramatic size and shape, with a sunburst of tiger lilies at its center, makes a lustrous companion to the antique mirror in the Sheehan's living room, while small flowered candleholders grace the antique chest below it. Reflected in the mirror: the tall bird-crowned tree that decks the mantelpiece on the other side of the room.





CHRISTMAS ALCHEMY continued


ABove, an espalier tree, its arms wrapped with branches cut from live evergreens and studded with bright ornaments and white lights, glows against bricks above a mantel. above right, a simple metal chandelier glistens with pendants of icicles and diamonds.
above, far richt, a ready-made chandelier frame hung with silvery icicles makes an inverted crown for a plain ceiling light fixture.

RIGHT, a stained-glass window is easy to create by hanging ornaments on varying lengths of fine thread from top of window frame.
opposite page: A glowing abstract composition of ornaments in varying shapes, sizes and patterns dramatizes a tall sliding glass door.



To make icicles, divide a shallow cake pan into triangular molds with foil-wrapped sticks. Bake decorations about 10 to 15 minutes to get a sparkling, crystalled surface. Make diamond shapes in same manner.

## You make the plastic ornaments in four simple steps

1. Sprinkle a layer of plastic crystals in the bottom of each mold. Place molds on a cookie sheet.
2. From photographer's gelatin, cut out different shapes for centers. Cover with another layer of crystals.
3. Insert one end of small wire hanger into top of each ornament. Hangers become firmly imbedded with baking.
4. When cool, lift out ornament. To hurry cooling, stand molds in cold water-but do not immerse.



## An HzG Production

To generations of children throughout the western world, the most hilarious treat of the Christmas season has been the puppet show. And to most of today's children, the only diversion more exciting than watching the puppets is to be a puppeteer. So $\mathrm{H} \& \mathrm{G}$ has designed for young impresarios a puppet theatre with puppets to go with it-all of which you can easily make yourself of inexpensive materials (for construction details, turn the page). You set the stage of wood framework across the tops of two facing straightbacked chairs, and its skirt of striped felt conceals one or two puppeteers stationed on the seats. For H\&G's dedicatory production, we chose from Grimm a tale with four characters, three scenes and a story that is easy for children to improvise with their own actions, dialogue and sound effects. Sound effects or background music ("The Nutcracker Suite," for instance) might also be supplied by recordings or tapes. With a scene from Act I in full swing, opposite page, puppeteer and narrator Geoffrey Ryan, 10 -year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Ryan, is hidden from sight below the stage. The appreciative audience consists of Geoffrey's 6 -year-old sister Victoria, flanked by her schoolmate Suzanne Lee and 11 -year-old James Lee. For this H\&G holiday production, the scenery and the puppets were designed by the Studio of Binney \& Smith Inc.


!The play opens in a forest where, according to Grimm, a princess plays every day with her golden ball. According to narrator Ryan, the princess has been "throwing this ball in the air and catching it very well for a few years." One day she drops the ball accidentally into the well (a strip of construction paper, large enough to conceal Frog, patterned with crayon to resemble stone, and pinned in a half circle to the backdrop). "Plish, Plosh!" says our narrator, "What goes up has to come down!" A frog in the well hears the princess crying, offers to return the ball, but makes her promise "all kinds of stuff"-i.e., to let him eat from her plate, drink from her cup, sleep on her bed. Our narrator observes: "The promise the princess made was not much to ask for a golden ball." The ball is retrieved and the princess skips away.

$\square$The scene shifts to the castle dining room where the king and the princess are sitting at the dinner table (a soap-flakes box cut in half lengthwise, covered with a scrap of cloth and laid with paper plates and cups painted gold). From off stage is heard a knock at the door. The princess opens the door, sees the frog and, according to our narrator, "slams the door in his face." Her heart is pounding. When the king asks for an explanation, the princess confesses her pact with the horrid old frog. The king reminds her that a promise is a promise, so she invites the frog to come in


!̈The third scene is the princess' bedroom. (The paper headboard, crowned and swagged, is pinned to the backdrop; footboard, nailed to a wood strip, rests on front of stage; attached to footboard is fabric blanket that covers princess in bed.) Every day for three days the frog knocks at the door. He is invited to eat with the princess, and he sleeps in her bed-at first at the foot, but on the third night, under her pillow. She weeps all night. The next morning he is transformed into a handsome prince. Concludes narrator Ryan: "The prince asks if the princess will be his playmate, and they all laugh." The moral: it pays to keep a promise.

## How to turn paper bags into puppets

You can fashion wonderfully expressive puppet heads out of ordinary No. 4 paper bags from the grocery store. In addition, you will need paper towels, paste, tempera paints, wax crayons and transparent tape.
I. Stuff paper bag with five or six loosely crumpled paper towels; secure with elastic. 2. Wrap 1-by-2-inch strip of cardboard around finger to form a tube. Place bag over tube and wrap with transparent tape.
3. Squeeze bag slightly to shape appropriate head (i.e. jowls for king). Form major features (frog's protruding eyes, etc.) from wads of folded paper towel; tape in place.
4. Tear paper towels into 1 -by-2-inch strips and brush one side with paste. Apply to head like bandages so that they overlap and entirely cover it. Set aside to dry.
5. Cover whole head with base coat of tempera. For frog, start with green; for people, with flesh tone made by mixing orange, yellow, red and white. Let dry.
6. Draw remaining features with crayons. Paste on yarn hair. Make simple kimono-sleeved costume to cover wrist of puppeteer.
Paste costume to neck of puppet.


## How to set up the stage



HOUSE \& GARDEN, DECEMBER, 1962


# THE TVO PARTY SYSTEM 

Two case histories illustrate the golden rules that will make your holiday entertaining a joyous success

- In many ways, giving a party is like giving a very special present: The care and thought you lavish on it count far more than the money you spend. When the food, the decorations and the activities all bear your personal signature, the party leaves an afterglow of pleasure that is stored away on the memory like a treasured ornament. Yet, paradoxically, successful parties, whatever their style or size or mood, have certain basic principles in common-as you will see as you follow the progress of the two pairs of parties on these and the next eight pages.

The families who gave these parties, and their reasons for giving them, could not have been more different. The Cliff Mays, who live in a huge, rambling ranch house near Los Angeles (it was H\&G's first Hallmark House in January, 1957), gave a dinner for a group of foreign students, then a family-style open house for their own friends-and for both parties, filled their house with enchanting folk-art decorations. The Whitfield Marshalls of Houston, Tex., gave a Christmas Eve party at home, then a dance at the club for their daugh-ter-and with simple paper decorations created bold effects that suited both the polished elegance of their home and the traditional rooms of the club. Yet, both Mrs. May and Mrs. Marshall approached their party planning in the same way.

Both hostesses related their decorations to the special characters of their rooms, instead of trying to create something different and alien. Both aimed for big effects, and achieved them through size, through lighting and through placement. Almost all of the decorations were above eye level, so they could be seen even in crowded rooms-and were massed at key points to create focuses of activity exactly where each hostess wanted them.

Recognizing the paradox that a spontaneous party demands careful planning, both women spent hours working out every detail of food service and entertainment, but they also decided which chores were sufficiently routine to be delegated to outside help. When party time came, each hostess had some special attraction to put her guests at ease. Even the guest lists had something in common: a mingling of all ages that added to the warmth and delight.

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Tvo
parties, same house, a single folk-art theme


The open house: a family affair
For Mr. and Mrs. Cliff May, holiday parties are an important way of expressing the spirit of giving, and of helping their children cultivate this spirit as they share in the responsibilities and delights of being hosts and hostesses. Teen-agers Hillary and Melany and 11-year-old Mike all had a hand in making the family's two parties a radiant success.

Their biggest party of the season was the open house to which flocked four or five hundred friends of all ages. It was divided into two sessions: In the afternoon came friends with young children, in the evening teen-agers and their families.

With more than ample space, the Mays' problem was to keep people from straying all over the house and dissipating the party mood. Strategic placement of food and drinks helped to keep people circulating (the bar was on the terrace, coffee and snacks in the living room), plus fascinating sculptural decorations, placed and lighted to attract attention and invite lingering.

The decorations, designed by $\mathrm{H} \mathrm{\& G}$ 's West Coast editor, Ellen Sheridan, were beguiling compositions (like the folk-art decorations Mrs. Sheridan made for $\mathrm{H} \& \mathrm{G}$ last year) with a warm, rustic charm that perfectly matched the feeling of the house.

Everyone waited breathlessly for the breaking of the piñata


Younger children watched movie show run by Mike May in bedroom


The May daughters guided activities in the teen-agers' room


Teen-agers fell in love with decorations in powder room

- To supply an outlet for boisterous young spirits,
a Trampoline was set out on the bedroom terrace.
- Mike May challenged fascinated guests to identify the familiar objects that had been used to compose the crèche.

Two parties, same house

The open house continued

The play of light and shadow wove a spell of intimacy in the living room in spite of its great size.
Candles, worked into each group of folk-art
decorations, created pools of light that drew people together. Overhead floodlights gave the tissue ornaments of the 18 -foot tree a stained-glass radiance.

After-dark a spectacular of color and light


## The students' party: a festival




At the evening session of the Mays' open house, the party mood began the minute guests left their cars and saw the welcoming lights of the huge candle and its glowing base, set between the drive and the front door, where more candles glowed. From the entrance hall, the living room opened out before the guests like an enchanted forest of light and shadow in the midst of which rose a column of brilliance: the tissue-decked tree. Candles and spotlights created pools of warmth around the decorations, which were placed at key points in the room and helped define the three main areas of activity : the hearth, the game table near the terrace and the piano, always a magnet but now doubly attractive because it held the great samovar of coffee. In decorating the room Mrs. Sheridan was guided by its impressive scale. Her individual decorations were extra large; smaller objects were massed to form important groupings. No detail had been overlooked in planning the party, no emergency unconsidered. Mr. May had even checked all the wiring and mechanical equipment of the house. Nevertheless, the unpredictable happened: Just before dinner was to be served, all the lights went out (power failure at the generator). Mrs. May might have been heart-broken-but no one would have guessed it. The food was set out by candlelight, guests were given tall tapers to carry, and the party continued with all the romance and mystery of a torchlight procession.

## of nations



The students marveled at the tree


They loved crèche on long dining table


Carol singing created a warm glow
"Christmas," the Mays feel, "is the time of year to extend friendship to those among us who might be lonely for their own country." So they launched their holiday festivities with the dinner for foreign students from the University of California. A hundred students came, from India, Japan, Africa, everywhere, wearing saris, kimonos, party dresses, dinner jackets or ordinary mufti. The primary problem of this party was not the number of guests, but the students' shyness-their natural reticence compounded by uncertainty about our language and customs. To ease introductions, the Mays asked each visitor to sign a big guest book in the hall, and gave each a name tag to wear. Dinner was served early (no liquor was offered, out of deference to those students whose religions forbade it), and the informality of the big buffet in the kitchen helped put everyone at ease. Mrs. May purposely planned a menu of simple American food starring turkey and cranberry sauce (wisely, she had checked with the University beforehand to make sure all her visitors were allowed to eat meat). Huge and handsome containers-mostly Mexican pottery-dramatized the food and shed the warmth of their rugged, rustic looks.

After dinner, there was carol singing in the living room. The Mays handed around sheets of paper with the words, so everyone could join in. Then a magical thing happened: quietly and spontaneously, one guest after another got up and sang songs of his own country. After a shy young woman from India had sung an exquisite lullaby, her husband, overcome with delight and astonishment, told the Mays she had never before sung a note outside their own home. When the party was over, the Mays agreed their guests had given them one of the most memorable evenings of their lives.


- The Mays spared their guests the problem of parking by hiring college
boys to do the job.
There was plenty of space in a nearby vacant lot.

- Mr. May found that a capacious Mexican clay tub designed for making tortillas was an ideal container for the turkey, since it allowed ample room for carving and laying aside extra slices.

Two parties,
same house continued


1 Angel piñatas in the big entrance hall carried on a May family tradition.
2 An 18-foot tree was laden with tissue-paper ornaments made by young art students.
3 An "Eyes of God" tree splashed color above long chest that held canapés. (To learn how to make "Eyes of God," see page 160.)
4 Wooden angels carrying twisted tapers adorned the master bedroom.
5 A tree for the birds (an old Swedish custom) stood outside the entrance, where birds could nibble its branches of wheat.


## The decorations



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for both parties
6 Near the drive, a huge candlestick rose from a glowing base: hollow concrete blocks, lighted within and
 covered with painted rice paper. 7 Crèche made of household utensils like rolling pins and scoops was illuminated by leafy sconce. 8 At front door, a thick wreath of brilliant Japanese paper flowers supplemented the Mexican Madonna. 9 Paper angels spread their reed wings at fireplace in teen-agers' room. 10 W reath made with frames of paper fans was coffee-table centerpiece. 11 Candle-bearing clay angel first illuminated kitchen buffet, later stood in living room planter. 12 Candelabra hung with fruit-shaped Mexican coin banks lighted one wall of living room. 13 Mexican clay figure at fireplace bore gifts in her St. Lucia's crown. 14 A tall candelabra and an angel made of baskets guarded wicker tray of towels in teen-agers' powder room. 139

## Case history

# Two parties, two places, decorations in related 

 themes
## For Christmas Eve at home, a witty extravaganza, all in paper

In one week last year, the Whitfield Marshalls of Houston, Tex., transformed their living room into a vibrant setting for a Christmas Eve party, then, using some of the same decorations, turned the bland rooms of their club into a brilliant background for a dance to honor their daughter, Diana. For both parties, Mrs. Marshall aimed for big, eye-filling effects, and she achieved them in each case by emphasizing the room's architectural ele-ments-framing a fireplace, outlining moldings, dramatizing lighting fixtures. But because she planned the decorations for both parties at the same time, she was able to produce them with almost assembly-line efficiency. Hundreds of paper flowers accumulated in the course of several trips to Mexico set the party color theme-two shades of fiery red. The flowers were the basis of the portable decorations: the flower-crowned columns (made of red-painted poles and florists' cans), and the dozens of massed bouquets. The rest of the decorations were tissue-paper motifs designed specifically to enhance each room. The materials could hardly have been cheaper-yet they created effects of great elegance.

For the Christmas Eve party in her own living room, Mrs. Marshall designed a number of special decorations which she concentrated on ceiling and walls so they could stay in place throughout the holidays. Bouquet-topped columns flanked each group of wall decorations, and extra splashes of red-paper bouquets, seat cushions, paper lamp-shades-made the whole room sing with color.


9 A.M. Tissue borders put in place

- The combination of light and dark red produced a vibrant effect impossible to achieve with one solid shade.


## II The tissue-paper

decorations were mounted on almost-invisible nylon net and fixed in place with
clear lacquer spray.

3 P.M. Final touches to red-and-white tree


5 P.M. Christmas Eve party in full swing

Small but potent splashes of red
gave the all-white room a new holiday personality

Tissue-paper motif dramatized chandelier


## For the dance at the club, a royal red sweep from front door to ballroom

Using the same vibrant colors and the same techniques, Mrs. Marshall created instant splendor for the party at the club. The masses of Mexican paper flowers were brought from home; so were the columns topped with paper bouquets. These were supplemented by other decorations specifically designed to enhance the club's doorways and paneled moldings. Like the medallion that decked the Marshall's ceiling on Christmas Eve, these architectural accents were made of tissue paper, mounted on nylon net, so they could be whisked away in seconds, an urgent necessity in view of the club's full Christmas-week schedule.

Everything from the rented red carpet in the hall to the inexpensive red cotton curtains hung at the ballroom's window wall was calculated to give a quick lift to the spirits and set a gala mood. Tissue-paper rope motifs accented the panel moldings and red no-seam paper taped in place brightened the walls of the small passage between foyer and ballroom. To lend a touch of drama and excitement to the receiving line, Mrs. Marshall contrived a simple canopy of red cotton tacked to red-painted poles.

Most of the guests were Diana Marshall's young contemporaries. But her mother also invited other friends of all agesyounger married couples, doting grandmothers. Even little brothers and sisters were allowed an early peek at the glittering proceedings. And thoughtfully, Mrs. Marshall supplemented the club's staff with a few current or former family servants who, because of their personal interest, took special delight in the occasion and contributed generously to the warm friendly atmosphere.


Red carpet made royal road from front door to ballroom

- To cut out the hundreds of tissue-paper shapes, Mrs. Marshall found perfect helpers: the residents of an old ladies' home,
who were delighted with this novel pastime and with the fun of sharing in the excitement of the ball.
- One routine chore
that was delegated to a party service: addressing invitations, tabulating replies.


The family greeted friends under a gay canopy


Buffet was illuminated by tall red candle tree


Dancing continued until early morning


Grandmamas and aunts looked on with delight


Bouquet-topped columns brought from home were supplemented by tissue decorations-all accented by temporary spotlights


Diana's monogram highlighted ballroom entrance


Romantic bouquets garnished canopy


Red curtains at door forecast gaiety within


## NEW GIFT WRAPS to dazzle, to delight

Any gift, modest or munificent, grows twice its size in sentiment when it emerges from a just-for-you wrapping that reflects a bit of extra thought, a dollop of imagination. To fire your imagination this year, you will find close to an embarrassment of riches among the new boxes and wrappings, the pretty ribbons and trimmings. Here are the high lights:

## Unhackneyed patterns, subtle colors give this year's wrappings a Renais-

 sance richness. Some of the most imaginative: a soft paper, reminiscent of old Italian bookend papers, printed with a delicately etched leaf design; a moss green or deep rose paper finely scrolled with a tiny pattern in a deeper tone; a self-adhering, translucent material patterned with stained-glass motifs in rich, jewel hues. Tissue papers have taken on new color tones ranging from soft olive green to black. And to preserve the prettiness of packages in the mail, there is a new holly-banded brown wrapping paper.A paper as pliable as fabric makes it easy to wrap even the most awkwardly shaped gift. The paper drapes softly and does not crack at the corners. With its rich tone-ontone pattern of glittering scrollwork, it suggests a handsome damask.
Foils with fresh faces provide pretty variations of those perennial Christmas favorites. Some of the newcomers include a pliable textured foil (silver on both sides, or silver backed by gold) that does not crack when you fold or crush it; a versatile two-way foil that is textured on one side, striped with white on the other side.

Ribbons in profusion will surely inspire dozens of delectable ways to tie up your gifts. There are velvet-textured ribbons in rich, festive hues, narrow and broad widths; satiny ribbons striped the long way in three colors, or three shades of one color; and more-glittery-than-ever ribbons of gold and silver foil.

Instant package trimmings make it easy to give a parcel a last-minute fillip. Some of the prettiest: a laurel wreath and other leafy motifs made of stiff gold foil on pressout cards; rosettes and tiny Christmas trees of vivid tissue paper that open out honeycomb style. And to cushion your gifts in their boxes: shredded tissues in a number of luscious hues.
opposite page: The glorious and diversified array of new wrappings ranges from handsome damask-like papers to pert tissue rosettes. Details on page 180. RIGHT: Fancifully conceived gift boxes, pretty enough to present without any extra wrappings, include (from left to right): an angel-shaped cylinder for a perfume bottle; round and oval boxes of red flocked paper with green velvet ties; a slim prism for a gift that had best stand upright ; a glossy bag (it comes in six brilliant hues) for toting gifts to their destinations; a tall, star-shaped box to dress up a long, thin present; a sheriff-manned container to guard a child's toy; a star-patterned triangle to sheath a tiny offering in mystery. at center: Spray paints in Christmas colors to coat anything from a plain box to a wreath of evergreens. Shopping information, page 180.



## Worth thinking about

- Big change in small movies: Fresh thinking and experimental techniques are revolutionizing the sixteen-millimeter film-which suggests a new kind of view-and-discuss party. Timely candidate for holiday showing: "A Child's Christmas in Wales," patterned after the Dylan Thomas poem, with the poet himself doing the narration. Producer Marvin Lickner's technique was to use still photographs, flipping them quickly in the manner of the animated cartoon. Quite another technique produced "Pow-Wow," a documentary of the University of Minnesota band rehearsing in the rain. This was shot with concealed cameras, long-focus lenses. Among the sources for creative, arty, but nonpropaganda movies is Film Images of New York City.
- Christmas cards for keepsakes: The current trend is toward works of art, often specially created. Expansive frame-worthy greetings to be mailed this year: by painter-designer Paul McCobb, a reproduction of one of his own oils; by interior designer William Pahlmann, reproduction of a drawing by artist Dong Kingman of an unidentified gentleman (presumably Mr. Pahlmann) riding a ricksha in Hong Kong. Expressive compositions of hands will be dispatched by Canadian photographer Yousouf Karsh (in a photograph) and by Milanese architect Gio Ponti (in an ink drawing).
- The real television culprits: People who constantly assail the quality of television programming but do nothing about it (not even watch) might give some thought to Yale Roe's diagnosis in his new book, "Television Dilemma." He writes: "Just as color is nothing more
than the manner in which a substance reflects light, television is nothing more than the manner in which a visual communications system reflects ourselves, all of us."
New function for furniture: Making a clear distinction between the aged and the aging (the process begins when you are born and is in full swing at fifty), The National Council on the Aging sponsored a two-day institute in New York City last month on the furniture requirements of older people. Among specific suggestions: firm upholstery to support the back and make seating easier to rise from; reclining chairs with concealed footrests to simplify floor cleaning and do away with hazardous hassocks; headboards with grab-bars to assist in getting up. A positive let's-go-along-with-this attitude was voiced by Nathan Ancell, president of the National Association of Furniture Manufacturers, who feels that since we have special furniture for the younger generation, the needs of their grandparents should not be ignored.
- The prefabricated sauna: There is a sudden spurt of interest in this traditional Finnish contrivance for promoting a healthy bloom. Often mistakenly identified as a steam bath, the sauna depends instead upon hot, dry air, which, in the land of the sauna's origin, often reaches an astronomical high of 280 degrees Fahrenheit. After submitting to this, the hardy Finns often go for a roll in the snow. A cooler version (top temperature, 175 degrees) is being sold in the United States. It consists of a put-it-together-yourself prefabricated room of redwood bricks which can be installed in a walk-in eloset. Suggested as a substitute for nature's frigid finale is a cold shower.

Saunas are exciting wider interest in Europe, too. Swedish designer Astrid Sampe installed one in a model apartment recently exhibited in London. When the Earl of Snowden saw it, he made a request that the exhibition stay open for a special evening session so that he could come back and show the sauna to his wife. (Request granted.) After the show was over, Mrs. Sampe retrieved the sauna, took it home and set it up in her Stockholm flat.

THE NEW CURIOSITY SHOP: Devoid of the dinginess of the Dickens original, this singular establishment located in the lobby of the Brooklyn Museum resembles its fictional forebear in the marvelously conglomerate character of its contents. The shop is the brain child of Carl Fox, who, as a father, saw the need a decade ago for a special shopping place geared to juvenile museum visitors, and was surprised when it began to capture as many adult as child buyers. Most museum shops concentrate on reproductions, but Mr. Fox stresses the importance of originals. Because of his fine arts training, this museum-man-turned-merchant has been able to lay his hands on the truly extraordinary. Fifty-six countries are represented by his finds. The objects range in age as well as in area of origin: tiny eighteenth-century bronze Buddha heads from Cambodia and authenticated Egyptian and Hittite figurines share space with modern Mexican piggy banks and contemporary Polish carved carts. A by-product of Mr. Fox's activities is an exhibition of Japanese toys opening at the museum this month. LEFT: Mr. Fox surrounded by some of his favored wares-a flying Judah figure from Mexico, a traditional Peruvian church, an Indian mask and puppet, a Jugoslavian giesle for music, a South African Zulu beaded pipe, a calabash from Nigeria gouged out of a gourd, a slender, carved wood drum from Bali slit straight down the center.
"HOW LOVELY ARE THY TABERNACLES..."


St. Anselm's Church in Lafayette, Calif.,
designed by Olav Hammarstrom with Marquis and Stoller

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 he soaring and beautiful forms that modern architects have created for some of our newest churches are a vital inspiration to those who meet within to share their prayers. In deference to the spiritual origins of Christmas, H\&G presents on these pages seven churches which seem to us to meet the challenge of Dean Samuel Miller of the Harvard Divinity School: to reconcile in stone and steel the diversity and contradiction of human existence, "release its inner meaning and make us see its powerful, awesome, healing beauty".

Meeting House of the First Unitarian Society in Madison, Wis., designed by Frank Lloyd Wright


Trinity Lutheran Church in W alnut Creek, Calif. designed by Pietro Belluschi with Skidmore, Owings and Merrill
. such a church as it should be a joy and a blessing even to pass near in our daily ways and walks, and as it would bring the light into the eyes to see from afar, lifting its fair height above the purple crowd of humble roofs." -John Ruskin


Lutheran Church at Concordia Senior College in Fort Wayne, Ind., designed by Eero Saarinen and Associates
"...it is indeed from the experience of beauty and happiness, from the occasional harmony between our nature and our environment, that we draw our conception of the divine life....the perception of beauty exemplifies that adequacy and perfection which in general we objectify in an idea of God.'

- George Santayana



## The gift of a fireplace

The felicity of a fireplace is the miracle of a flame held captive withil four walls. It is the magnificent gifts of light and warmth that hav made the hearth, in legend and in fact, the heart of the house. Ou hearths are what we share with our friends. Around the hearth w gather for conversation. By the hearth we relax in peaceful solitude Surely it was no accident that Saint Nicholas with his burden of gift was presumed to have chosen chimney and fireplace as his point o arrival. Visually, too, the fireplace may be as beneficent a gift to room as great space or an inspiring view. A fireplace may be sculp ture. It may be the nucleus of a composition as delightful as a pain ing. Or it may be architecture, shaping space as surely and as deftl as the walls and the roof. Here are four examples of the marvelousl varied forms the fireplace has been given by imaginative architects


1 An elegant fire column of black-lacquered steel designed by Thornton Ladd and John Kelsey has the massive look of a huge supporting pillar. Snowy white plaster lines the recessed chimney breast, and the mantel is banded with brass.
2 A hood of folded pewter crowned with light from an elevated skylight gives sculptural excitement to a fireplace designed by William Sutherland Beckett. The slightly raised hearth is of marble.
3 A room-dividing fireplace-the work of José Luis Sert-is pierced with niches to lighten its mass and provide showcases for exotic carvings. The brickwork is painted pure white; the flue, vivid scarlet.
4 An obelisk of enameled metal designed by Roscoe L. W ood has the magical air of a stove in a Grimm Brothers' fairy tale. Concrete bench serves as hearth and dais.


# MAKE MERRY MUSIC WITH HARP AND HORN 

Now you can play the sweet tinkling music of the baroque on the instruments for which it was written, in the place where it was meant to be heard-at home


## by Paul Henry Lang

- "So to the office all afternoon, and at night to my violin in my dining room, and I took much pleasure to have the neighbors come forth into the yard to hear me."

Clearly this was no modern suburbanite returning home on the $5: 22$ to play music to the relish of his neighbors, but a seventeenth-century bureaucrat better known as Samuel Pepys, the diarist. A few other entries picked at random from the famous diary will show that in those days music,


SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY VENETIAN LUTE the kind we call classical, was practiced not only at home but also in other rather unusual places: "Had my hair cut while the barber's boy played on his violin.... Thence to the Musiquemeeting at the Post-Office. . . ."

This, of course, would be quite impossible today. The Musicians' Union would certainly not let the barbers furnish musical entertainment to their customers, and Rep. Rooney's Appropriations Committee would chew the Postmaster General's ear off if he were to permit such frivolity on government property. Nevertheless, the businessman may indeed come home today "to play his Violin." There is, in fact, a noticeable and growing tendency abroad to bring music into the home via the direct route-by performing it.

In the Baroque era, music-good music-was played everywhere, especially in the warm intimacy of a wellappointed home. We are likely to think that Bach's violin sonatas were composed for an Isaac Stern, or Couperin's harpsichord pieces for a Ralph Kirkpatrick, because we hear this music at public concerts performed by these famous virtuosos. But chamber music originally meant just what the term implies: music for the home, for the camera or "chamber." It was intended for playing, rather than listening. Moreover, the "amateur" of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries was not an amiable bungler. That word, too, must be understood in its original meaning: a "lover," and a pretty competent lover of music. It was for these lovers of music that the many sonatas, suites, preludes and fugues were composed by the earnest Germans. But the public equally delighted in the irreproachable blushes, the elfin love of fun and humorous imagination of the French harpsichord composers, the somber elegance of the English "consorts," the nobility of the Italian ensemble music, and the delicacy of the lute music of all nations.

Anyone who has heard such distinguished chamber music groups as the Virtuosi di Roma or I Musici will realize that the countless concertos of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, which include all of Vivaldi's, Bach's, Handel's and even the early ones of Haydn and Mozart, can be performed by less than a dozen players. So performed, they are far more delightful than when pounded out by a large modern orchestra geared for entirely different tasks. If to this musical literaturevast even though only a fraction is available in modern editions-we add the chamber music output of recent times, an endless variety of great music is at our command.

Unfortunately, our music education sadly neglects to inculcate love for this intimate and sophisticated music in youngsters at their most impressionable age. Bands and glee clubs we have in every school, but chamber music groups are rare.

This amateur public of the age of Purcell and Bach was not satisfied with fine music, nor with excellent instruments to play upon. They wanted the instruments themselves to be works of art, to blend with artistic furniture and interiors. A call at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, or London's South Kensington Museum, or any of a number of great collections in Brussels and Paris, will astound the visitor. There he will see clavichords and harpsichords, graceful in line and adorned with exquisite paintings; lutes; guitars; harps; and all manner of other instruments displaying supreme examples of the art of inlaying; instruments in hundreds of shapes, each one the result of creative imagination yet possessing the acoustic qualities essential to the instrument. ironically enough, we owe the preservation of many a harpsichord to the fine painting on its cover. Our grandfathers considered the instrument a useless relic, but they valued the artwork that decorated it. In fact, harpsichords and clavichords were often ordered in design, color and decoration to conform to the requirements of a carefully planned interior. In the large manors and palaces, and also in the comfortable middle class homes, the music room was not a casual hodgepodge, but an integrated whole.

There were the equal of the Stradivaris among the keyboard instrument builders even though their names may not be widely familiar today. The Ruckers family of Flemish harpsichord makers was famous all over Europe, and their instruments were as highly regarded and imitated as the finest Italian violins. Charles I of England purchased from the Ruckers an instrument on which the cover painting was COPY OF BAROQUE OBOE executed by no less an artist than Rubens.

The crash-and-bang style of the nine-teenth-century virtuoso extinguished almost all memory of those wondrous instruments and the music that was written for them. Here and there, a sympathetic observer viewed the sad destruction and decay, shed a tear, made a few notes and passed on his way. Forty years ago, none but a scholar with an instinct as highly developed as that of a truffle-hunting pig would have guessed that this lost world of superb music would ever beresuscitated. The great artist Wanda Landowska, when
 she pioneered in
the revival of the harpsichord, was considered to have an irresponsible imagination coupled with a seriousminded memory. Both the circuit-riding virtuoso and the concert manager seemed to share the attitude of the man in Davenant's play, "Love and Honor," in which a wealthy widow is courted:
"Thou doest not meane
To court her at her window with rare Musick?
No, she's very deafe, so that cost is sav'd." But when the devoted work of the musicologists began to yield fine editions which made this forgotten music available, it turned out one could indeed court the widow with rare music, nor was she deaf to it. The first difficulty in the arduous task of the (Continued next page)
musical archaeologists was to dispel ingrained misconceptions. Musicians as well as their audiences had to learn that old music was not "primitive" any more than old painting is primitive. Then they had to be convinced that in order to hear this music as it was intended to be heard, it must be played on the original instruments or their faithful replicas. The first of these difficulties was relatively easy to eliminate; once the music was taken out of the library and made available it could be played on modern instruments and its charm did not fail to catch on. But the reintroduction of old instruments was another matter. Our profound faith in technological Darwinism ruled out the possibility that such old things as harpsichords or recorders could be of any use in the face of the ton and a half concert grand piano and the silver flute with its array of keys. On the contrary, it was thought a gallant gesture to come to the rescue, with our superior musical arsenal, of these composers who were born too early to know any better. There followed the era of the bloated transcriptions, best known in this country from Leopold Stokowski' splendid atrocities. Mr. Stokowski could "enhance" an early eighteenth-century composition literally a hundredfold. The celebrated "Chaconne," composed by Bach with infinite skill for a lone violin, was transcribed by the Philadelphia conductor for a 100 -piece orchestra whose megaton explosions blew the piece to smithereens. Eventually it was realized that the harpsichord was not a primitive piano, nor the recorder the poor man's flute-that both were fully developed instruments with characteristics of their own which no other instrument can duplicate.

The harpsichord was built in a great variety of shapes and sizes; what is common to all of them is the mechanism. Our modern piano "hammers" the strings, the harpsichord plucks them, therefore we are dealing with an instrument that is altogether different from the piano, with which it shares only the keyboard. The smaller harpsichord may have one string to each tone-that was the instrument the English called the "virginal." The larger models have two or more. And the harpsichord has one or two (in a few cases, three) keyboards, the two-keyboard variety being the norm for concert purposes. Like the organ it has various "stops," each of them different in tone color and register. They are actuated by knobs or pedals and permit considerable variety of timbre. The harpsichord's playing technique is also quite different from that of the piano. When Leonard Bernstein, for instance, sits down to the harpsichord at a New York Philharmonic concert to accompany a Vivaldi concerto, he may be picturesque but he cannot, playing as a pianist, do justice to the instrument.

The clavichord has a much simpler mechanism; it is, in fact, the simplest of all keyboard instruments: when the key is depressed, a metal tangent strikes the key. The tone of this small instrument is delicate, it can be heard only
in a small room, but it is an exceedingly beautiful tone which in the hands of a good artist is most expressive. Unlike the harpsichord, which has many variants in many shapes, the clavichord is very nearly uniform in type. The greatest difference between it and the harpsichord, aside from the strong and brilliant tone of the latter, is that its mechanism permits dynamic shading, whereas once the harpsichord's key is depressed the player no longer has control over the quality of the sound. Make no mistake, this dainty little instrument, often exquisitely tooled and embellished, is a perfect vehicle
for musical expression, the subtleties of which the clavichord is capable must be heard to be believed.

One of the most delightful of these early instruments is the recorder which currently promises to regain all its erstwhile popularity. Whenever an early eighteenth-century composer specified "Flute" in his score, he was referring to the recorder, a family of woodwind instruments built in various sizes up to the tiny sopranino. There is a gentle pastoral quality to its sound which, again, cannot be rendered by our modern flute.

As is well known, old violins or cellos, suitably kept in repair, have retained their matchless tone across the centuries, but instruments with a delicate mechanism, such as harpsichords, have not been able to withstand the ravages of time. Fortunately, in the wake of the revival of baroque music, enterprising and intelligent instrument builders have made it their business to reconstruct the old instruments according to the old specifications. Harpsichords and clavichords, recorders and shawms, viols, lutes and all the rest can be procured today, some for surprisingly little money. Many are imported from Europe but there are also some able manufacturers right in this country. [Editor's Note: For information on where such instruments may be purchased, see page 187.]

First with muted optimism, then with cheerful gratitude for the warm response of the public, the champions of old music played on authentic instruments are gaining rapidly. A glance at the current phonograph record catalogues will show that many a baroque master can hold his own with the favorites of the romantic era. [Editor's Note: For a sampling of records, see page 187.] Technically, perhaps, this might be called a revival, but there is really no such thing in art. Fashions and tastes may change, great works may be obscured for a few generations. But countless masterpieces are so securely established that the passing of centuries cannot erase them. If, as bids fair to happen, our musicloving public can once more recapture the joys of making music at home on fine instruments and in congenial company, they will not only escape the standardized dullness of mass media entertainment, but will regain the freedom of their own hitherto oppressed music personality. He who makes music experiences it.


DOUBLE REED INSTRUMENT

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YOUNG RECORDER STUDENTS EARNESTLY FOLLOW THE COACHING OF TZIPORA JOCHSBERGER


THE THREE ELDEST CHILDREN OF MR. AND MRS. DEREK L. O'DONOGHUE TREAT THEIR LITTLE SISTER TO AN AFTER-SCHOOL CONCERT WITH THE ANTIQUE IRISH HARP, THE RECORDER AND THE PIANO

## WINTER'S OWN AND ONLY ROSES


entimentalists (as what gardeners are not?) call the white one Christmas-rose and the spotted one Lenten-rose.
The one because it may flower before Christmas and the other because it opens to brighten the forty days of fasting.
Neither, of course, is a rose at all, nor even remotely related to the roses. They are kin to the buttercups and, with a score of variants and varieties, make up a handsome group of hardy perennials that share one transcendent and all but unique attribute-they bloom easily and naturally in the dead of winter. Helleborus is the official name of them all. The Christmas-rose is Helleborus niger. (Niger is Latin for black; these flowers are chiefly white. And this is about as consistent as gardening gets sometimes.) It comes from Europe. The Lenten-rose is H. orientalis from Asia Minor. But both will grow and thrive, virtually untended and for a generation or more, in almost any garden between the latitudes of southern Canada and North Carolina. They much prefer cold and snow to heat and drought. Indeed, you can drift a foot of snow over the open flowers of any of the hellebores, and a fortnight later find the blooms unwilted and unblemished. Cut them and float them in a bowl indoors and they will last as long and as well. Settle the plants on a well drained, fertile, lightly shaded slope and their flowers may come almost any time between October and April.H.niger usually opens first, together with its rather confusing varieties that may be distinct only in leaf size or flower shade. H. orientalis follows, in a range of colors and markings not unlike the niger siblings. In everything but earliness and traditional appeal, orientalis is a more beautiful and desirable plant in most gardens than the former, even if it is not nearly as well known. But there is no need to play favorites. Their lovely star-shaped leaves are evergreen and between the two you can enjoy their flowers, indoors and out, for almost six months with scarcely a break.

CHRISTMAS AND LENTEN ROSES ARE THE ONLY TRUE WINTER PLANTS

FOR COLD-CLIMATE GARDENS

Forget them, freeze them, bury them in snow-no matter, the hellebores grow and flower year after year in any coldweather garden. Cut them for the house, thaw them out, float them in a shallow bowl-as the Lenten-roses, opposite page, are floating-and they will last a fortnight. The same is true of the white Christmas-rose, right. For George Hull's guide to growing them, turn to page 184.


GEORGE HULL



## Christmas fantasies you can make yourself



Paper and string, metal foils and left-over woolsfrom these humble materials you can fashion the holiday fantasies on the opposite page, decorations as magical as any you could find in a year of traveling. The cost will be next to nothing; the time to make them, negligible. And they will make no demands at all on either your design talents or your manual dexterity. A slight touch of crudeness, in fact, wiil only add to their folk-art charac-ter-which means that all hands can help in the making, including the children's. Your only problem will be to turn out enough for all the places you will want to use them. The stylized figures with the stained-glass look make delicate, translucent decorations to hang on the Christmas tree or in a window. The brilliant diamonds, inspired by "Eyes of God," a ritual symbol among Indians of the American Southwest, would look dramatic hanging at different levels from an overhead lighting fixture. And the shimmering candleholders, massed together on a party table, would give you a gala, inexpensive, light-reflecting centerpiece.

1. The stained-glass ornaments call for white paper, tracing paper, a black crayon, butcher's string, white paper paste, water colors and gold tempera paint. To put them together lleft to right): First, draw a bold, stylized design with black crayon on white paper and cover it with tracing paper. Second, in a small bowl, mix paste with a little water to the consistency of heavy cream. Take a length of string, soak it in the paste, then run through your fingers to remove excess. Third, lay the string on the tracing paper, following the lines of the pattern underneath and allowing loops to touch wherever possible (this gives added strength). Make a small hanging loop at top. Allow string to dry and stiffen. Cut ornament out of tracing paper along outer edge of string. Fourth, paint the paper on both sides with water colors. When paper is dry, paint the string with gold tempera. These ornaments were designed for $\mathrm{H}_{\&}$ G by Studio of Binney \& Smith Inc.


2 "Eyes of God". require colored and metallic yarns, and a supply of smooth willow or lilac sticks, 6 inches long or longer-or unfinished chopsticks. The procedure (left to right): First, hold two sticks at right angles. Start the loose end of the wool in the lower right-hand angle made by the sticks and anchor it on top of them with your thumb. Pass wool from left to right under the top vertical arm of the sticks. Second, pass the wool over, then under the left horizontal arm. Then, continuing counter-clockwise, pass the wool over and under each succeeding arm until you have woven enough of the first color. Cut the wool. Third, anchor with your thumb the end of the first color along with that of the second color and continue to weave as before. Both ends will be covered and secured as they are woven into the ornament. Fourth, to finish, make a loop around the stick at one corner and pull into a knot. Attach fine thread to hang ornament on Christmas tree or from overhead light.


3 The candleholders are made with aluminum foil, colored foil gift wrap, casein glue, a small pair of compasses and straight pins. To make the holders (left to right): First, tear off a long piece of aluminum foil and crush into a tall, narrow pyramid shape. Wind on more crushed sheets to get exact size and strength you want. Second, glue together one sheet of colored foil and one of aluminum foil. Using compasses, draw $11 / 2$-inch and 1 -inch circles and cut out. Third, slash circles to center and form into cones by overlapping cut edges and gluing. Stud pyramid with cones-using small ones at top, large ones at bottom-by poking pins through centers. Make an indentation at top of pyramid and insert one cone to hold candle. The candelabra was designed by Conny of Alcoa.

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'EYES OF GOD" WOVEN WITH BRIGHT WOOLS AND STICKS



# HOUSE \& GARDEN'S Party Cook Book 

By Peggy Harvey

## Holiday Buffet Party

Should you and your friends take a dim view of cocktail parties or just want a change-your New Year's or Christmas entertaining could take the form of an evening or late-day open house featuring food served buffet-style. Since some of the guests will only want to nibble and others will be as hungry as bears, the menu should include both light and hearty dishes. The cheese mold, the galantine and the salmon will appeal to the nibblers; the lasagna and the ham should satisfy the bears. The green salad is designed to accompany the lasagna; the potato and celery root salad goes with the ham or salmon. While you might provide carafes of red and white Chianti, a real surprise would be Black Velvets, offered either before or with the food.

The recipes given will serve 6 or 8 , so you can double or quadruple them according to the number of guests. Practically every dish may be prepared well in advance (several must be).

MENU
black velvets, red and white chianti cheese mold galantine
lasagna scarpellino
smoked salmon, sauce verte ham in aspic green salad
potato and celery root salad hot french bread, polish rye bread crackers
sweet potato pie fruit thais
mincemeat cookies
COFFEE

Many of us approach the holiday season with mixed emotions. While there is the pleasant prospect of gaiety and conviviality in the offing, there is also, for the holiday hostess, a lot of hard work, both mental and manual. The mental part consists of straining the imagination for ways to introduce some measure of originality into party menus and the parties themselves; the manual chore is mostly a matter of preparing a sufficiency of food for various occasions. The purpose of this cook book is twofold: to suggest ideas for out-of-the-ordinary festive entertaining and to supply recipes for dishes that can be prepared ahead. In addition to the seven party plans and menus that follow, here are two further proposals designed to ease the load of holiday entertaining. One is to make, early in December, a sizable container of cassoulet or any similar hearty party dish that freezes well, and pop it in the deep freeze. This gives you a comforting bulwark against the advent of unexpected guests or the inevitable group that stays late and must be fed. The other idea is to assemble beforehand the ingredients for the convenient and not-to-be-frowned-on delicatessen supper, with a new twist. It could consist of hot soup made by a judicious combination of two canned varieties-for instance, half pea soup and half tomato with a dash of curry; slices of rare roast beef masked with Madeira-flavored jelly (concocted by adiding a tablespoon of softened gelatin and a soupçon of Madeira to any good canned beef consommé) ; a green salad; cheese and coffee. A minimum of preparation produces this collationa welcome change of pace from leftover turkey in its various disguises and a relief from the customary program of heavy holiday feasting. For shopping information, see page 180.

## Black Velvets

Chill Pilsner or highball glasses, Guinness' stout and extra-dry champagne until they are all very cold. Use half stout and half champagne, pouring the stout into the glasses first.

## Cheese Mold

3/1 pound Roquefort cheese
1 large package Philadelphia cream cheese $1 / 2$ bunch celery leaves, chopped fine
$1 / 2$ green pepper, chopped fine
$1 / 2$ tablespoon minced onion
1 tablespoon melted butter
1 tablespoon W orcestershire sauce
Salt, pepper to taste
$3 / 4$ pound salted pecans, chopped
Parsley sprigs
Mix together all ingredients except pecans and parsley and form into a ball. Roll in the pecans and chill. Garnish with parsley. Serves 6-8.

## Galantine

## 2 pounds lean veal

1 pound pork
$1 / 4$ pound calves' liver
1 shallot or green onion, minced
I tablespoon chopped parsley
Salt, pepper, rosemary, thyme, tarragon
1 tablespoon cognac

## Butter

4 or 5 slices bacon
Reserve 4 thin slices of veal and have the rest of the veal, pork and liver ground together. Mix the chopped meats with the shallot and parsley and season to taste with salt, pepper and pinches of rosemary, thyme and tarragon. Mix in cognac.

Butter a deep pie dish. Put in a layer of the meat mixture, a slice of bacon, a piece of veal sprinkled with the seasonings and repeat until the dish is full, ending with a slice of bacon. Cover with aluminum foil and bake in a $350^{\circ}$ oven for $1 \frac{1}{2}$ hours. Put a kitchen plate that is just a trifle smaller in circumference than the dish on top of the galantine, put a heavy weight on the plate, allow the galantine to cool, and chill for 24 hours. The galantine may be unmolded or served from the terrine. Serves 6-8.

## Lasagna Scarpellino

## 2 pounds Italian sausage, sliced

Olive oil
2 large cans Italian plum tomatoes
1 can tomato paste
Salt, pepper, oregano
2 cloves garlic, halved
1 pound lasagna noodles (Italian lind with rippled edges)
1 package sliced mozzarella cheese
1 package ricotta cheese
1 egg, beaten
Cook the sausage with a little olive oil in a heavy saucepan until brown. Add the tomatoes and tomato paste. Season with salt, pepper and oregano. Add the garlic, cover and simmer for 2 hours. Remove the garlic.

Cook the noodles for 20 minutes in plenty of salted water. Run cold water over them and spread them out, one by one, on a clean cloth.

In a rectangular baking dish arrange layers in the following order: noodles, slices of mozzarella, the ricotta which has been mixed with the beaten egg and the tomato sauce. Repeat until the dish is full, ending with noodles and sauce. There will be some sauce left. Reserve it.

Refrigerate overnight. Next day bake in a $375^{\circ}$ oven for 25 minutes. Heat extra sauce and put some on top of each portion. Serves 6.


## Ham in Aspic

Pienic ham
4 tablespoons unflavored gelatin
$1 / 3$ cup cold water
2 cups granulated sugar
1/3 cup hot water
1 tablespoon dry mustard
$3 / 4$ cup bourbon, heated
Watercress or parsley
Remove all rind from a cooked picnic ham. With a sharp knife score the fat, cutting $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ deep diagonal slashes, first in one direction and then in the opposite direction, to make a diamond pattern, Set the ham on a rack over a large pan.

Soften the gelatin in the cold water. Put 1 cup sugar in a sizable iron skillet. Stir over low heat until sugar melts and is brown in color. Use a pancake turner for stirring so that the sugar browns evenly. Remove the pan from the heat and stir in the hot water. Stir over medium heat to melt the sugar which has now caramelized. Add the other cup of sugar. Stir and cook until thick. Remove from heat. Add the gelatin, mustard and heated bourbon. Stir the mixture with a metal spoon until the gelatin has thoroughly dissolved.

Put ice and cold water in the bottom of a double boiler and stir the aspic mixture over this until it is heavy and thick and just beginning to jell. Pour it over the ham, spreading it evenly with a spatula. Scoop up the drippings (reheat them if necessary to liquefy them, cool, and pour over the ham). Chill until aspic has set. Garnish with watercress or parsley just before serving. This ham may be prepared two days in advance.

## Potato and Celery Root Salad

1 pound celery root
Salt
1 pound Irish potatoes
1 can artichoke bottoms, drained and rinsed
3 cups mayonnaise
2 tablespoons light cream
Chervil
Capers

## Watercress

1 hard-cooked egg yoll
Truffles or black olives, sliced
Peel the celery root, slice it crosswise $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ thick and put it in a pan with cold water to cover and 1 teaspoon salt. Bring to a boil, lower the heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Drain and chill.

Peel the potatoes and cook them in salted water until tender but still quite firm. Drain and chill.

With a cookie cutter that is approximately the same circumference as the artichoke bottoms, cut the celery and potatoes in circles.

Thin 2 cups mayonnaise with 2 tablespoons cream. Divide evenly between the vegetables, keeping them separate. Mix each vegetable with the mayonnaise. Chill.

Arrange a layer of potatoes in the bottom of a round bowl and sprinkle them with chervil. Add a layer of celery root and sprinkle with drained capers. Add a layer of artichoke bottoms. Repeat layers until bowl is full. Chill overnight.

Unmold the salad onto a bed of crisp watercress. Mask it with the remaining unthinned mayonnaise. Rice the yolk of the egg and sprinkle over the top of the potato and celery root salad. Decorate the top with slices of truffles or black olives. Serves 6.

## Sweet Potato Pie

6 large yams, peeled and quartered
2 cups sugar
3 eggs
1/2 pound butter
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
2 cups bourbon
1 unbaked pie shell
$1 / 2$ pint heavy cream
Boil the peeled and quartered yams until tender. Mash them. Put them in an electric mixer with the sugar, eggs, butter, nutmeg and bourbon. When blended, pour into the pie shell. Bake at $400^{\circ}$ for 30 minutes. Serve with sweetened whipped cream laced with bourbon.

## Fruit Thais

Use assorted fruits-peaches, apricots, pears, pineapple, cherries and bananas. Use carned fruits if the fresh are not available-be sure to get home-style peaches, if canned. Arrange the fruit in layers in a baking dish. Sprinkle each layer with brown sugar, slivered almonds and dabs of sweet butter. Pour $1 / 2$ cup of sherry, or more if you are making a large amount, over all and cover with crushed macaroons. Bake 20 minutes in a $350^{\circ}$ oven.

## Mincemeat Cookies

$11 / 4$ cups sifted flour
$21 / 2$ teaspoons baling powder
1/4 cup shortening
1/2 cup sugar
1 beaten egg
1 cup mincemeat
Sift the flour again, with the baking powder. Cream the shortening, gradually adding the sugar and stirring. Add the egg and mix well. Add the mincemeat alternately with the flour mixture, beating after each addition. Drop by teaspoonfuls on a greased cookie sheet. Bake in a $350^{\circ}$ oven for 10.12 minutes.

## Midnight Supper or Réveillon

Réveillon is the traditional meal eaten in France after midnight mass on Christmas Eve, or on New Year's Eve at the stroke of twelve. Because of the hour at which it is served, it is not a feast or banquet, but a simple, although elegant, supper. Several dishes are considered musts at a truly French Réveillon: boudins, or blood puddings, which are bought ready-made in France but are quite difficult to come by here; turkey, which we will be having more than enough of; bûche de Noël, a cake that's fabulous, but time-consuming to make; foie gras, an intrinsic part of the French Christmas picture; and champagne. The following menu is H\&G's suggestion for an American Réveillon with a French accent.

MENU FOR 8
HOT DRINKS, SHERRY, CHAMPAGNE
FOIE GRAS AU MADEIRA
potage germiny froid TRUFFLED CAPON BROWNED POTATOES SALADE de réveillon glace aux marrons
WITH THE MEAL: CHAMPAGNE

## Foie Gras au Madeira

1 whole canned goose liver
Paprika
1/4 cup Madeira
Thin, crisp toast
Open the can and empty the contents carefully onto a shallow baking dish. Sprinkle liberally with paprika and moisten with the Madeira. Place in a preheated $350^{\circ}$ oven just long enough for the liver to become heated through. Serve with piles of crisp toast.
 buns brown or pies bake; she can check on progress through glass window. Heat unit reverses, converts oven to broiler.


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## Potage Germiny Froid

1 bunch sorrel or watercress
$11 / 2$ cups clear chicken broth
6 egg yolks
1 pint light cream
Nutmeg, cayenne pepper, white pepper Salt to taste

Wash the greens and chop coarsely. Bring the chicken broth to a boil and add the greens. Simmer for 10 minutes.

In a small bowl beat the egg yolks with the cream, a grinding of nutmeg and pinches of both peppers. Add to the simmering broth, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon. Lower the heat and stir until thickened. Do not let the soup boil. Season to taste with salt and pour into a chilled bowl. Refrigerate. Serve in chilled soup plates.

## Truffled Capon

## 1 pound truffes

18-9 pound capon
Salt, black pepper
1 pound mushrooms
4 tablespoons cognac
3 tablespoons Madeira
2 tablespoons peanut oil
Bay leaf, thyme, mixed spices
11/4 pounds pork fat
Slice 3 or 4 of the largest truffles and slip them under the skin of the capon breast. Salt and pepper the bird inside and out and let stand, refrigerated, for 2 days so that it will be flavored by the truffles.

Wash the mushrooms, peel them and cut off the stems. Reserve stems and peelings. Cut mushrooms and truffles in quarters and put them in a bowl with the cognac, Madeira, oil, a little salt, crumbled bay leaf and pinches of thyme and mixed spices. Let the mixture stand to marinate at room temperature.

Cut the pork fat into small pieces and pound in a mortar. Heat it slightly in a saucepan and add the mushroom stems, minced, and peelings. Put the mixture through a food mill or rub it through a sieve. Return to very low heat and when barely warm, add the truffles, mushrooms and their marinade. Chill. Stuff the capon with this mixture. Truss the bird for roasting. Rub with oil and place breast-side up on a rack in an open roasting pan. Cover breast with aluminum foil and roast at $325^{\circ}$ until tender, about $4-5$ hours. Serve surrounded by small, browned potatoes, with the pan juices as sauce.

## Salade de Réveillon

## 4 navel oranges, peeled

2 grapefruits, peeled
4 medium stalks Belgian endive
1 bunch watercress
Olive oil, lemon juice, sall, black pepper
1 tablespoon grated Swiss Gruyère cheese
Section the peeled fruit and chill. Wash the endive and cut into $1^{\prime \prime}$-long sections. Wash the watercress and discard the stems. Put the washed greens in the crisper compartment of the refrigerator.

Make a dressing with your favorite proportions of oil, lemon juice and seasonings (it should be fairly tart, but that is up to you). Assemble the salad, sprinkle with the cheese and toss with the dressing.

## Glace aux Marrons

## 1 ounce rum

1 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 can (2 cups) puréed, unsweetened chestnuts
4 egg whites
2 ounces butter, melted
111 -ounce bottle marrons glacés
Mix the rum, sugar and vanilla with the puréed chestnuts. Beat the egg whites until stiff but not dry, and fold them in. Add the butter and 3 marrons glacés, broken into small pieces. Place in a 1 -quart mold and chill for at least 4 hours. Unmold and decorate with halved marrons glacés.

## Christmas Night Dinner

Although turkey and mincemeat are involved in this menu, it is, as you will see, a radical departure from the run-of-the-mill Christmas dinner. Children, not realizing how delicious it is going to be, would undoubtedly be disappointed in the appearance of the pale turkey and horrified at the lack of cranberry sauce. It is therefore suggested that this dinner be served to a group of somewhat jaded adults.

## MENU FOR 8

martinis or champagne cocktails oysters on the half shell, garnished WITH RED CAVIAR, QUARTERED LIMES
POACHED TURKEY, BUTTER SAUCE
broccoli polonaise
purée de pommes de terre green salad
mincemeat soufflé
WITH THE MEAL:
dry white wine or champagne

## Poached Turkey

6 thin slices salt pork
4 carrots, cut up
3 onions, sliced
2 leeks, cut up
6 stalks celery, cut up
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
Thyme, bay leaf
1 clove garlic, peeled and sliced
110-pound turkey
Salt, pepper, nutmeg
$11 / 2$ pints clear chicken broth
1 pint dry white wine
2 tablespoons cognac
$1 / 2$ pound butter
Grated rind of two lemons
1 tablespoon chopped chives
Parsley for garnish
Put the salt pork on a rack in the bottom of a roasting pan with a cover. Scatter the carrots, onions, leeks, celery, parsley, a pinch of thyme, a crumbled bay leaf and the garlic over the pork.

Rub the turkey, inside and out, with salt and pepper, truss it and place it on the bed of vegetables. Pour over it the broth, wine and cognac. Cover the roasting pan and simmer on top of the stove (it's actually steaming) for about 3 hours, or until tender. Lift out the turkey, drain it and set it aside to cool a little. Strain the broth and reserve it. Discard the vegetables and clean the roasting pan.

Remove as much skin as possible from the turkey, not bothering about the back. Return the bird to the roasting pan with the broth. Keep it warm, over low heat or in a slow oven, basting occasionally.

Clarify the butter and add to it a little freshly ground black pepper and nutmeg. Add grated lemon rind and chives and heat.

When ready to serve, place the turkey on a hot platter and garnish lavishly with parsley. Pour a small amount of broth over the breast and serve the butter sauce separately.

## Mincemeat Soufflé

2 cups egg whites<br>$1 / 2$ teaspoon salt<br>$11 / 2$ cups honey<br>2 cups mincemeat<br>1 ounce cognac

Beat the egg whites with the salt until they are stiff but not dry. Slowly add the honey, beating constantly. Continue to beat until whites are standing in peaks.

Put the mincemeat in a bowl and stir in the cognac. Pour the whites over the mincemeat and fold in lightly. Pour into a 2 -quart soufflé dish and bake in a preheated $250^{\circ}$ oven for 35 minutes.

## How to shell oysters



Hold oyster firmly, protecting hand with cloth.
Insert oyster knife in back to break vacuum.


Turn knife sideways, pushing upward to separate the shells. Remove and discard the top shell.


Arrange half shells on ice. To remove oyster cleanly from shell, start at the side; slide edge of a seafood fork around and under the oyster.


## Holiday Dinner

Although this dinner has been planned as a relief from the usual holiday fare, it would obviously be as good in February as in December.

## MENU FOR 8

CURRY CREAM WITH CHUTNEY beef wellington, périgueux sauce purée of peas
SALAD of belgian endive, hearts of palm and watercress
MOCHA MOUSSE, SAUCE TIA MARIA With the entrée: red wine

## Curry Cream

## 1 envelope gelatin

$21 / 2$ cups hot chicken broth
6 hard-cooked egg yolks
Curry powder to taste
Chutney
Soften the gelatin in $1 / 4$ cup cold water. Dissolve in the hot chicken broth. Put broth, egg yolks and 1 teaspoon curry powder in an electric blender. Blend for 30 seconds or so. Taste and add more curry if desired. Place in a welloiled ring mold and chill. Serve with chutney in the center of the ring.

## Beef Wellington, Périgueux Sauce

11/4 pounds mushrooms, very finely minced 5 shallots or green onions, very finely minced Butter
3 tablespoons minced parsley
$11 / 2$ cups clear beef consommé
1 tablespoon arrowroot flour or cornstarch
1 cup Madeira
3 chopped truffes
Salt, freshly ground black pepper
6 cups all-purpose flour
1 whole beef filet weighing 3 pounds, trimmed of all fat
5-ounce can pâté de foie gras
1 egg
A good deal of the preparation for this dinner can be done the day before. First, cook the mushrooms and shallots or onions in 4 ounces butter until all moisture has cooked away. Add the minced parsley toward the end. Cool the mixture, cover and refrigerate.

Next, make a Périgueux sauce by heating the beef consommé with $11 / 4$ tablespoons of butter, adding the arrowroot flour or cornstarch dissolved in $1 / 3$ cup Madeira and stirring, over low heat, until thick. Add the truffles. Season with salt and pepper and store in the refrig. erator.

Thirdly, make the pastry. Blend the flour and $21 / 2$ cups soft butter, or half butter and half other shortening, with the fingers until a sandy mass has been obtained. Add 1 cup cold water gradually, mixing slowly, and work dough into a ball. The less water used, the better. Wrap in waxed paper and refrigerate.

On the day of the dinner remove the duxelles (mushroom mixture) from the refrigerator. Also remove the meat and bring it to room temperature. Fold the tip back and tie it securely. Tie the other end, too, if necessary. Season the beef with salt and freshly ground black pepper.

Melt 4 ounces butter in a shallow pan which is long enough to hold the filet but as narrow as possible. Braise the meat on top of the range for 35 minutes, turning it often with spoons as in the recipe for braised beef (see New Year's Day Open House Party ). Moisten with Madeira, using about $2 / 3$ cup, from time to time. Allow the meat to cool but not in the refrigerator.

Add the pâté de foie gras to the duxelles, mix well and add 1 teaspoon of the Périgueux sauce. Taste for seasoning.

Roll out the pastry in a rectangular shape about $14^{\prime \prime}$ by $9^{\prime \prime}$ and $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ thick-large enough to envelop the filet. Spread the duxelles over the pastry, leaving a border uncovered. Place the meat in the center with that side down which you want eventually to be up. Fold the pastry over the meat and seal the seam and ends with water. Place, seam-side down, on a cookic sheet and brush the top and sides with the egg, well-beaten and mixed with a little water or cream. Prick thoroughly with a fork in a crisscross design. Bake in a preheated $400^{\circ}$ oven for 30 minutes. Serve sliced with the Périgueux sauce, hot, on the side. (Slice very thin-this is a rich dish.)

## Mocha Mousse

6 egg yolks
$3 / 4$ cup granulated sugar
$11 / 2$ cups strong coffee
2 envelopes gelatin
$11 / 2$ pints heavy cream
Make a soft custard with the egg yolks, sugar and coffee. Add the gelatin, which has been softened in $1 / 2$ cup cold water. Stir and cool. Whip the cream and fold it in. Pour into a 2 -quart melonshape mold and chill.

Unmold and pour Sauce Tia Maria over the mousse before serving.

## Sauce Tia Maria

| Sauce Tia Maria |  |
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|  | 6 quarts milk |
| 3 cups strong coffee | 3 cups cognac |
| $11 / 2$ cups sugar | 2 cups Jamaica rum |
| 2 tablespoons arrowroot flour | Sugar |
| 2 ounces Tia Maria liqueur | Nutmeg |

Heat the coffee with the sugar. Stir the arrowroot into $1 / 4$ cup cold water and add. Simmer and stir until thickened. Add Tia Maria and chill.
Note: Whenever a sauce should be crystal clear, as in this case, arrowroot flour is preferable to cornstarch. Cornstarch may be substituted, however, if arrowroot is not available. Kahlua may also be substituted for Tia Maria.

## After-the-Dance Brunch

The model for this slightly off-beat party was a Sunday brunch given by a couple who live in a rambling and charming old house on the outskirts of New York City. The entire ground floor had been stripped of everything but bare essentials for a charity dance on Saturday night. Twelve of the couple's best friends were invited to a "please-come-help-put-the-furniture-back-and-the-rugsdown" party the next day. They showed up in slacks and sweaters and willingly went to work. During the rest periods they had their choice of hot coffee or the host's special milk punch. When the house was in order, a buffet was served. The consensus, voiced by several guests, was, "This was more fun than the dance." The menu would hold good for any informal holiday brunch.

With the obvious exception of the sausages and English muffins, both of which can be cooked at the table with the aid of an electric skillet, and a toaster or table oven, all the following dishes can be prepared ahead of time. Take your choice of any or all of them, but remember that each recipe is for 12 , so if you have more than 2 main dishes, better reduce the quantity of the rest.

## MENU FOR 12

milk punch
curried egg casserole
STEAK AND KIDNEY PIE
CREAMED CHIPPED BEEF

> SAUSAGES

TOASTED ENGLISH MUFFINS OR CRUMPETS COFFEE CAKE

COFFEE

## Milk Punch

## 6 quarts milk <br> 2 cups Jamaica rum <br> Nutmeg

Mix the milk and liquors in a large container. Add sugar to taste. Refrigerate overnight. When ready to serve, pour into punch bowl over ice. Serve in Old-fashioned glasses, and dust the top of the punch with freshly grated nutmeg.

If refills are indicated, put more ice in the bowl and pour in 3 ounces mixed liquor ( 3 parts cognac to 2 parts rum) and 1 cup milk per person. Add sugar to taste and stir until cold.

## For party food that waits: wonderful warmers

Attractive, ample accessories that retain the taste and temperature of food for hours are a must for open-house entertaining. Drip-type coffee urn and two-compartment copper heater both work on alcohol bases. Plastic-domed electric hot tray, 29 by $15 \frac{1}{4}$ inches, holds anything from a load of casseroles to a large turkey.

## For the flowing party punch: big, beautiful bowls

Any bowl that will hold quantities of liquid can serve party refreshments. Glass punch bowl comes with ladle and set of eight cups. Decorative scalloped ceramic bowl might be teamed with champagne or Old-fashioned glasses (later it could be used for

## Curried Egg Casserole

2 medium onions, minced
1 clove garlic, minced
1 ginger root
3 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon curry powder
3 tablespoons flour
2 cups chicken bouillon
3 cups milk
1 cup seedless raisins
1 small apple, peeled, cored and chopped
Juice of $1 / 2$ lemon
1 strip lemon peel
$11 / 2$ dozen hard-cooked eggs
Saute the onions, garlic and ginger in the butter until brown. Stir in the curry powder (you may use more if you wish) and the flour. Gradually add the chicken bouillon and milk, which have been heated together. Stir and simmer until smooth. Strain into a double boiler. Add the raisins, which have been soaked in tepid water and drained, the apple, lemon juice and peel. Cook slowly over hot water for 10 minutes. Season to taste. Peel and slice the eggs and add them. Serve on English muffins or with fluffy rice.

## Steak and Kidney Pie

2 pounds lamb kidneys
3 pounds top round of beef
$1 / 2$ pound beef suet
2 dozen small white onions
3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour
3 cups beef consommé, heated
Salt, black pepper
4 bay leaves, crumbled
2 teaspoons basil
3 teaspoons W orcestershire sauce
3 tablespoons dry red wine
$1 / 2$ recipe pastry (see Beef Wellington)
1 egg, beaten
Remove all fat and tough parts from the kidneys and soak them in cold water for 30 minutes. Drain and quarter kidneys.

Trim the beef and cut it into $1^{\prime \prime}$ cubes. Try out the suet in a large Dutch oven and when the fat has been rendered, discard the crisp brown residue. Cook the onions gently in the fat until golden. Add the kidneys and beef and cook over medium heat, stirring frequently.

While the meat is browning, melt the butter and stir in the flour. Cook and stir until smooth. Add the hot consommé, stirring steadily. Cook and stir until thickened. Add to the meat.

Season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Add the bay leaves, basil and Worcestershire sauce. Cook over very low heat until meat is tender, adding more hot consommé, thickened as above, if necessary. Transfer the mixture to a large earthenware casserole, stir in the dry red wine and cool. (The cooling is important.)

Make pastry according to directions for Beef Wellington. Heat oven to $400^{\circ}$. Cover the casserole with the pastry which has been rolled out $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ thick. Paint with beaten egg mixed with a little cold water. Cut vents in several places to allow the steam to escape. Put the casserole in the oven and after 10 minutes reduce the heat to $325^{\circ}$. Bake until crust is golden brown.

## Creamed Chipped Beef

$1 / 2$ pound dried beef
2 ounces butter
4 tablespoons flour
Black pepper
1 quart milk or half-and-half
$1 / 4$ cup pickled grated horseradish
Soak the beef in warm water for 15 minutes if it is very salty. Drain it and tear it into small pieces.

Melt the butter in a large skillet and sauté the beef until it starts to brown. Sprinkle the flour over the beef, grind some black pepper over it and stir until the meat is coated with flour. Add the milk or half-and-half slowly and stir until thickened. Add the horseradish and cook over low heat, stirring, for a few minutes. Serve on toasted English muffins.

## New Year's Day Open House Party

This is a double-barreled sort of affair. While it is primarily a "wound-licking" party for the purpose of helping your friends recover from the night before, it is also an excellent way and time to repay entertainment debts. Whether or not your friends have celebrated on New Year's Eve, they are apt to be at loose ends late the next afternoon. For those who feel the need of a cool, refreshing drink and a little light nourishment, serve champagne punch and any of the cold delicacies listed above, right. For guests who are hungry and thirsty, you will, of
course, have a well-stocked bar and several hearty dishes chosen from the menu. Be sure to have plenty of braised beef, barbecue sauce and buns for stayers-on who tend to get hungry later. You might keep the beef hot in one section of a two-compartment heater, the sauce in the other. Accompany the trays of smoked turkey, duck or pheasant and the smoked sturgeon or salmon with thinly sliced Polish rye bread spread sparingly with sweet butter, and have a pepper mill handy.

## MENU FOR A CROWD

Champagne punch, assorted drinks
braised beef on half-dollar size buns Hot barbecue sauce
WHIPPED CREAM, HORSERADISH SAUCE COLD COOKED SHRIMP WITH SPECIAL SAUCE pâté en croute LIVER MOLD
Celery stuffed with tartar steak stuffed eggs
CanNed galantine of chicken or turkey, thinly sliced
SPICY DUNK (FOR BREADSTICKS, CRISP vegetables, or cocktall frankfurters) SMOKED TURKEY, DUCK OR PHEASANT, SLICED SMOKED Sturgeon or Smoked Salmon polish rye bread
CHEESE TRAY, CRACKERS
PICKLED ARTICHOKE HEARTS
PICKLED MUSHROOMS

## Champagne Punch

The night before the party, make the "mother"the mixture that is the base of the punch. For the party, use 1 quart of it, strained, to 3 quarts of cold champagne, poured over a block of ice in the punch bowl. The punch should be served in champagne glasses, not punch cups. Plan on about $11 / 2$ cases of champagne for $70-80$ people. To make 1 quart "mother":
$1 / 2$ bottle cognac
$2 / 3$ bottle dry white wine (domestic)
1 navel orange, sliced but unpeeled
1 lemon, sliced but unpeeled
1/5 cup curaçao or Grand Marnier
$1 / 5$ cup Cointreau or Triple Sec
1/3 cup kirsch
Mix ingredients together in a large enamel container. Do not refrigerate. Note: This punch has considerable authority. It may be diluted with ginger ale, if desired, but be sure that the ginger ale is the dryest obtainable.

## Braised Beef

2 whole beef filets weighing $3-31 / 2$ pounds each, or 6.7 pounds boned and trimmed sirloin

## Salt, pepper

$1 / 2$ pound butter
1 cup Madeira
12 dozen tiny buns
Bring the meat to room temperature, season it with salt and pepper and braise it slowly in the butter in a shallow pan on top of the stove. Baste often with the Madeira. Turn the meat several times, using two spoons so that the surface of the meat is not pricked and the juices lost. Cook for 10 minutes to the pound. The meat should be rare since it will cook a bit more in the heater. Cut into small, fairly thin pieces to fit the buns, which should be the size of a half-dollar. Butter the buns and keep warm in a heater. This amount of meat and buns will serve 75-80 people.

## Hot Barbecue Sauce

## 2 tablespoons butter

1 medium onion, chopped
2 teaspoons dry mustard
$1 / 2$ cup sugar
1 teaspoon cider vinegar
2 cups water
1 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
I tablespoon W orcestershire sauce
1 cup tomato catsup
2 beef bouillon cubes
1 teaspoon celery salt
1 teaspoon paprika
2 tablespoons arrowroot flour or cornstarch
Melt the butter and sauté the onion until soft and golden in color. Add the mustard, sugar, vinegar, $11 / 2$ cups water, Tabasco, Worcestershire, catsup, bouillon cubes, celery salt and paprika. Bring to a boil and stir in the arrowroot or cornstarch mixed with $1 / 2$ cup cold water. Simmer, stirring occasionally, for at least 1 hour.

## Special Sauce for Shrimp

1 cup parsley clusters<br>Leaves of 1 bunch watercress<br>1 cup shredded fresh spinach<br>2 peeled shallots, sliced<br>1 clove garlic, peeled and sliced<br>2 teaspoons dry mustard<br>1 egg yolk<br>1 tablespoon tarragon vinegar<br>Juice of $1 / 2$ lemon<br>$1 / 2$ teaspoon salt<br>Black pepper<br>11/4 cups mayonnaise<br>$1 / 2$ cup sour cream

Put parsley, watercress and spinach in blender, one cup at a time, blending for 6 seconds after each addition. With motor off, press greens down into the blades. Add shallots, garlic, mustard, egg yolk, vinegar, lemon juice, salt and a grind of pepper. Cover and blend for 30 seconds. Add mayonnaise and sour cream. Cover and blend for 30 seconds more. Chill. This makes enough sauce for $3-4$ pounds of shrimp.

## Pâté en Croute

1/2 pound salt pork<br>$3 / 4$ pound lean veal<br>$3 / 4$ pound lean pork<br>$1 / 2$ recipe pastry (see Beef Wellington)<br>$3 / 4$ pound lean ham, cut $11 / 4$ " thick and diced 2 tablespoons Madeira<br>1 tablespoon cognac<br>Pinches of thyme, rosemary, tarragon<br>Black pepper<br>1 tablespoon minced parsley<br>2 or 3 truffles, chopped (optional)<br>2 slices bacon<br>1 egg yoll:

Have the salt pork, veal and pork ground together twice by the butcher. Reserve $1 / 4$ of the pastry for the top crust and with remaining pastry line a spring form loaf pan which will hold $1^{1} / 2$ quarts.

Mix the ham, Madeira, cognac, seasonings, parsley and chopped truffles, if desired, with the ground meats. Fill the mold and put bacon slices on top. Cover with reserved pastry, moistening the edges to seal the top crust to the bottom. Cut slits for steam to escape. Deco-
rate the top crust with small pieces of pastry cut in star or leaf forms. Paint with the egg yolk which has been beaten with a little cold water. Bake in a preheated $350^{\circ}$ oven for $1^{1 / 2}$ hours. Chill and serve sliced.

## Spicy Dunk

3 medium onions, chopped
1 clove garlic, peeled and minced
1 cup peanut oil
1/4 pound butter
1 large can solid-pack tomatoes
1 teaspoon rosemary

## 1 bay leaf

1 pint dry red wine
1 small can tomato paste
$1 / 2$ cup pine nuts
$1 / 4$ cup drained capers
Sauté the onions and garlic in the oil and butter until limp. Add the tomatoes, rosemary, bay leaf, wine and tomato paste. Simmer until sauce is thick and mellow. Add the nuts and capers, taste for seasoning and simmer $1 / 2$ hour longer. Chill. Serve as a dunk for breadsticks, raw vegetables, shrimp, cocktail frankfurters.

## Twelfth Night Party

Epiphany, or Twelfth Night, which falls on January 6th, is the date of the visit of the Three Wise Men, and many European countries, particularly the Latin ones, celebrate it by exchanging gifts. Twelfth Night is a joyous occasion in Spain, and the menu which follows is a typically Spanish one.

## MENU FOR 8 <br> chilled dry sherry <br> caldo gallego

FRENCH bread or garlic bread paella
fondas de alcachofas al graten à la catalana
casos de guayaba con quesa crema turrons
COFFEE
THROUGHOUT THE MEAL: SPANISH WHITE WINE

## Caldo Gallego

2 pounds chick peas
1 ham bone (1 pound)
1 pound beef bones
1 small cabbage, shredded
4 medium potatoes, peeled and quartered
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon flour
Salt, black pepper
Soak the chick peas overnight. Put them in 4 quarts of water in a large pot. Add the ham and beef bones, bring to a boil and simmer, uncovered, for 2 hours. Add the cabbage and potatoes. Soften the butter and mix it with the flour. Add to the pot. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper and simmer 1 hour longer.

Take out the bones and any pieces of ham fat. Discard the fat. When the bones have cooled, cut off any meat remaining on them and add to the soup. Heat the soup and serve with French bread or garlic bread.

If there is any soup left over, strain and chill it in a loaf pan. It will solidify and may be served on toast as an hors d'oeuvre.

## Paella

$22^{1 / 2}$-pound chickens, disjointed
$1 / 4$ cup peanut or safflower oil
1 clove garlic, peeled and sliced, or more if desired
2 large onions, sliced thin
2 cups long grain rice, thoroughly washed
$1 / 4$ teaspoon saffron
Salt, black pepper
1 pound shrimp, shelled, deveined and cut in small pieces
5 cups tomato juice
$11 / 2$ dozen cherrystone clams in shells, well scrubbed

Brown the chicken slowly in the oil, turning often. Add the garlic as soon as the chicken begins to color. Drain the browned chicken on several thicknesses of absorbent paper so that all grease is absorbed.

Put the onions in the bettom of a 4 -quart casserole which has a tightly fitting lid. Add the chicken and rice. Sprinkle with saffron, salt and freshly ground black pepper. Add the shrimp and sprinkle with a little more salt and pepper. Add the tomato juice and arrange the clams on top. Cover and cook in a preheated $350^{\circ}$ oven for about 40 minutes. The clams will open as they cook. Serve from the casserole. Paella may be assembled and refrigerated before cooking.

## |Fondas de Alcachofas al Graten à la Catalana

1 large unpeeled eggplant, sliced $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ thick
$3 / 4$ cup peanut or safflower oil
1 cup diced, cooked ham
$11 / 2$ cups dry white wine
1 teaspoon salt
Black pepper
$1 / 2$ teaspoon MSG
2 cans artichoke bottoms (preferably a
Spanish brand), drained and rinsed
$1 / 2$ pound freshly grated Parmesan cheese
I cup dry bread crumbs
1 cup clear chicken broth
Put the eggplant in an earthenware casserole with the oil, ham, wine and seasonings. Cook in a $350^{\circ}$ oven until eggplant is nearly tender. Add the drained and rinsed artichoke bottoms, sprinkle with the cheese and bread crumbs, moisten with the chicken broth and bake until lightly browned.

## Casos de Guayaba con Quesa Crema

Translated, this means guava shells with cream cheese, a popular Spanish dessert. Buy the canned guava shells at a Spanish grocery store. Drain them and serve them with cream cheese, Hable cheese or any light-textured delicate cheese of this sort on the side. Saltines are traditionally eaten with Casos de Guayaba.

## Turrons

Spaniards are very fond of sweets, the sweeter the better. This confection, which is rather like French nougat, is extremely popular. You will find ready-made turrons, sometimes sold in one piece and sometimes in sections, packed in paper-lined wooden boxes at any Spanish food store. Serve turrons with the coffee.


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H\&G's gourmet's guide


Quick Gourmet Recipe of the Month

## Caviar Mousse

2 tablespoons gelatin
2 tablespoons lemon juice
4 tablespoons mayonnaise
8 ounces caviar
Pinch dry mustard
2 tablespoons tarragon vinegar
2 tablespoons W orcestershire sauce
1 quart sour cream

Soak the gelatin in 4 tablespoons cold water. Add 1 cup boiling water and stir until gelatin is dissolved. Add remaining ingredients in the order given and blend. Pour into a shallow, rectangular dish or two dishes-the mousse should be about $3 / 4$ " thick. Chill until firm. Cut into $3 / 4$ " squares and serve on toothpicks.


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## HOW TO CARVE

PHEASANT AND PARTRIDGE

Now that pheasant and partridge are no longer exclusively the spoils of the hunter but raised extensively for the general market, many people elect to serve them at the holiday season. John G. Martin, chairman of Heublein Inc., who has the advantage of actually raising pheasant, chukar partridge and quail on his Connecticut game farm, is a past master in the art of carving game birds, as he shows here. Mr. Martin prefers rotisserie cooking and his own special baste, a spicy mixture of butter and A-1 Sauce.


Lay pheasant on its back on carving board. Holding bird firm with carving fork, sever one wing from body.


Trim and discard bony tip from the severed wing.


Turn bird around so that drumsticks point toward you and cut downward to separate the leg from body.


Press leg back with knife and cut through at joint.


Sever thigh from drumstick by cutting at second joint. Remove, disjoint second leg and wing in same way.


Next, turn the bird over so it lies breast down. Carve down toward breastbone, length of the breast.


Carve both sides of breast. (Although unconventional, this method of carving from broad side of the meat is easier. Pheasant will yield meat for four.)

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HOW TO CARVE CHUKAR PARTRIDGE
Although you can count on a pheasant serving two to four, according to size, the smaller partridge is usually considered only enough for two-or an ample serving for one. These birds are not so much carved as split in two. However, there is a trick to splitting them neatly and effortlessly, as you can see in the following pictures.


Lay the partridge breast down on board. Starting at the tail, make initial cut to left of breastbone.


Cut from tail to head, keeping to left of the bone.


When neck is reached, sever with tip of knife. Serve two halves or one half to each person, as you wish.


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## Christmas Ornaments

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Cover, left to right:
Mirror ornament, $\$ 6$; small flower candleholder, $\$ 6$; tall flower candleholder, $\$ 25$; mantel tree, $\$ 70$; large tree, $\$ 150$; medium flower candleholder, $\$ 16.50$; small wreath, $\$ 10$; ball pendant ornament with tassel trim, $\$ 3$.

## Page 121:

Christmas tree decorations: Mirror ornaments, $\$ 6$ ea.; ball pendant ornaments, $\$ 3$ ea.; "BellaBella" (angels), \$5 ea.; tassel ornaments, $\$ 1.50$ ea.

Page 122, top inset:
Place mats, 4 octagonal H\&G's Delphinium Blue place mats with white napkins (not shown), $\$ 7$. Napkins, $17^{\prime \prime} \times 17^{\prime \prime}$, brick red, 60c ea., Leacock.
Flatware, "Chateau Rose" sterling silver 6 -pc. place setting, $\$ 42$. Alvin Corp.
China, "Coquette," 5-pc. place setting, $\$ 23.95$. Lenox.
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Bottom inset:
Pewter coffee service designed by Peter Lear. Coffeepot $121 / 2^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{h}$., $\$ 37.50$; cream and sugar set, $\$ 37.50$. Decanters, 30 -oz. capacity, $\$ 4.50$ ea. All from America House, 44 West 53rd St., New York, N. Y. Flower basket centerpiece, $\$ 15$; large wreath, $\$ 60$; two candlewreaths, $\$ 10$ ea.
Background decorations,
left to right:
Tall flower candleholder, $\$ 25$; small flower candleholder, $\$ 6$; medium flower candleholder, $\$ 16.50$; each has a tassel taper trim. Ball pendant ornament with tassel trim, $\$ 3$.

## Page 123:

Background decorations,
left to right:
Basket ornament, $\$ 8.50$; mirror ornament, $\$ 6$; small tree, $\$ 50$;
"Bella-Bella," \$5.
Inset:
Two medium flower candleholders, $\$ 16.50$ ea.; mirrored wall ornament, $\$ 40$.
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## Page 125:

Handwoven Italian tablecloth, red plaid linen, $60^{\prime \prime} \times 90^{\prime \prime}, \$ 49.98$. Stained-glass print linen napkins, $\$ 1$ ea., Bloomingdale's, New York. China, "First Love," 5-pc. place setting, \$17.95. Syracuse China. Goblets, "Princess Feather," 8 oz., $\$ 2.25$ ea. Westmoreland Glass. "Margareta" brass plate stretchable candleholder with 10 candles, $54^{\prime \prime}$ l., made in Sweden. \$5. Lord \& Taylor, New York, N. Y.
Background:
Round boxes of green flocked paper with red fringe or red with beige fringe, nest of $3, \$ 8.45$.
Rectangular boxes of red flocked paper, nest of $3, \$ 3.70$. Prices ppd. All from Papier Malcé, 55 Greenwich Ave., New York, N. Y.

## Willow Frameworks <br> Pages 132 \& 133:

Willow forms woven in an open mesh with crisscross supports, garland and 2 pendants, $\$ 18$; wreath, $\$ 8$; tree, $\$ 9$. Roberto Associates, 2814 Gilham Rd., Kansas City, Mo.
Clavos "Lorca" heavyweight wool rug, $7^{\prime} \times 10^{\prime}$, blue/green. Luten-Clarey-Stern.*

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Table setting:
Tablecoth, green Calais cloth, $68^{\prime \prime}$ round, $\$ 11.95$; blue Carina cotton napkins, $\$ 1.75$ ea.; Bonwit Teller, New York, N. Y.
Dinnerware, "Plantation Colonial" 5 -pc. setting, $\$ 6.65$, Carl Forslund, 122 Fulton St., East, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Punch set: punch bowl, ladle and 12 glasses, $\$ 17.50$. B. Altman \& Co., New York, N. Y.

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Center:
Table setting:
Dinnerware, "Plantation Colonial," 5-pc. place setting, $\$ 6.65$. Carl Forslund.
Goblets, "Hofmann House," 12 oz., ruby, $\$ 2.50$ ea. Imperial Glass.

Centerpiece: Mexican tree 5 branch candelabra, made of tin in Pueblo style. $15^{\prime \prime}$ h., $19^{\prime \prime}$ spread, 2 branches may be removed, $\$ 20.75$. Ppd. Fred Leighton, 15 East 8th St., New York, N. Y.

## Bottom:

Photographed at Soupçon. French flowered faïence ravier, $\$ 16$. Soupcon, 147 East 70th St., New York, N. Y. Louis XVI mirror, gilt-wood frame, $\$ 115$. Sophie Mavro, 973 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y.

Decoration Book," \$2. Hallmark.
9. Custom tissue papers, 20 sheets in green, black and 3 browns, $20^{\prime \prime} \times 30^{\prime \prime}$, instruction sheet and sample of Fool's Gold, $\$ 1$. Also comes in ranges of reds, yellows, blues and violets. East House.
10. Red box with flock finish and green velvet ribbon, $31 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ diam., 85 c ppd. Papier Malcé, 55 Greenwich Ave., New York. 11. "Fabric Wrap" soft, drapable


## Gift Wrappings <br> \section*{Page 144:}

1. Textured foil, comes in all silver or silver backed by gold, $26^{\prime \prime} \times 80^{\prime \prime}$ roll, $\$ 1$; plain gold foil, $30^{\prime \prime} \times 100^{\prime \prime}$ roll, $\$ 1$. TieTie Papers.
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6. "Classic Elegance" paper, moss green with dark green scrollwork, $30^{\prime \prime} \times 84^{\prime \prime}$ roll, 59 c ; also in rose with dark red scrollwork, 2 sheets $26^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{x}$ $30^{\prime \prime}, 25 \mathrm{c}$. Hallmark.
7. "Lurtone" velour ribbon, green, $7 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ w., 21 ft ., $\$ 1$; also in gold, 11/4" w., 15 ft ., \$1. Tie-Tie.
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paper, "Regency" pattern in red on red with glitter, $36^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{x}$ $44^{\prime \prime}$ package, $\$ 2$. Also comes in red on white "Wedgwood" pattern. Tie-Tie.
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"Foil Sheen" silver or gold foil ribbon $l^{\prime \prime}$ w., 24 ft ., 50 c . Hallmark.

## Page 145:

Angel-shaped cylinder and sheriff boxes from set of 3 "Snapwrap" boxes, 3 sheets of color-coordinated inside tissues, 3 name tags, set, $\$ 1.80 \mathrm{ppd}$.
Three triangular-shaped boxes are from small "Snapwrap" package of $3, \$ 1.30 \mathrm{ppd}$.

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Christmas spray paints, set of four: red, green, silver and gold; glossy enamel, $\$ 2.69$, MartinSenour.

## Christmas Fantasies

## Page 160:

Stained-glass ornaments made with Artista tempera paint, 6 -jar kit, \$1; 12-jar kit, \$1.90.
Artista water colors, box of 8 colors, 85 c ; box of 16 colors and 2 brushes, $\$ 1.90$.
Firma-Grip paste, 19c to 29c a jar. All available at local art supply stores.

## Storage in Miniature

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1. Miniature French chest-ofdrawers adapted to hold twelve 6-pc. place settings of "King Edward" sterling and serving pieces. Gorham.
White pottery basket, made in England. Doris Dessauer.*
2. Miniature bonnetiere adapted to hold "Fairfax" sterling dessert service for twelve. Gorham. Low white ceramic compote, made in England. Doris Dessauer.*
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Bottom right:
"Chef's Bar" 11 " x 20 ", black slate top with one electric burner, $\$ 68$. Georg Jensen, 667 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Page 170, left to right:
Food warmer, copper with brass legs, double sectioned, each holding about 1 qt. liquid, \$125. Lord \& Taylor, New York, N. Y.
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## Page 171:

Ceramic Italian bowl, deeply scalloped, white with yellow and green leaves, blue and orange flowers. 2-qt. capacity, $\$ 25$.
Royal Leerdam glass from Holland, smoked punch bowl, 3 -qt. capacity, $\$ 30$; ladle $\$ 12$; cups $\$ 3$ ea. All from Lord \& Taylor, New York, N. Y.

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# Notes for December Gardeners 

Inside-outside suggestions for improving the season's shortening days, lengthening nights



## First weekiend

Digger's delights. Spadework is almost as effective as woodchopping at warming the worker twice. It's just that the second warming for the digger is of the heart rather than the body. A session with a sharp clean spade, taken slowly and contemplatively, can be a fine pre-winter exercise in basic soil husbandry. One way to kill two birds with a single shovel is to combine pruning the roots of your hedge with fertilizing them. Hedge plants in general and privet, to name one in particular, have invasive and ravening roots. The very nature of the hedging process makes this so, what with the concentrated production of foliage that a hedge is called upon to make within a limited volume of air space. And if hedge roots are given access to the fertile soils of an adjacent planting bed, as they so often are, root competition will be inevitable-to the detriment of both bed and hedge, especially the former. A sharp spade plunged in a severing line between the two areas will cut the majority of the invading hedge roots in the soil layer where they take most of their nourishment and give the garden areas a reprieve. But reprieve is all this simple cutting can give. Hedge roots will react next spring by making more roots than ever to replace the old ones.

Here is an alternative suggestion: Dig a narrow trench, with a drain spade or gardener's transplanting spade, turning the soil you dig back into the space it came from. When you have made this parallel line of loose earth, severing hedge root segments in the process, spread standard garden fertilizer (a $5-10-5$ or $6-8-6$ formula, for example) on the turned earth at the rate of a good handful every couple of running feet, and then re-spade to incorporate the food with the 10 or 12 -inch depth of soil. The point of all this is that while you will be giving the pruned roots extra encouragement to
grow, you will, at the same time, be encouraging them to stay in their own bailiwick to do the growing instead of invading the garden so soon again. This subterranean exercise will not change the course of world history, but will give an idle Saturday a run for its money.


## Second weekend

## Plant pictures. Sometimes you

 can hang a living plant in the same way and much to the same effect as you might hang a painting. As a bonus, the plant will usually give you a third dimension that most paintings and many otherwise suitable wall decorations lack. The chief technical problems to be overcome before living-plant wall decoration becomes feasible are suspension on the one hand and control of drips on the other. Ordinary shelf brackets are not usually attractive enough or unobtrusive enough. But old cast-iron shelf brackets, bought at a junkyard and appropriately painted, can be quite handsome. And of course if you want to pay extra for good design, it can be bought from specialists in decorative hardware. Make sure, of course, that screws or anchor bolts have secure anchorage. Plants in their containers are heavy. As for the choice of plants, the first governing factor is the amount of light present where you wish the plant to hang. Unless you take the trouble to platoon your plants, keeping one spare recovering in a favorable location while the varsity plant does a turn of duty in the featured but unfavorable spot, then you would do well to choose amenable species at the outset. Some ferns, many foliage plants and trailing vines will last in ordinary room light, without sun, through a single winter, although they won't be good for much after that. If you pay close attention to the potting or encapsulating (sphagnum moss basket liners, for example), there need be no wet spots on floor or furniture beneath. As for the estheticsof the whole hanging-wall-plant idea, you must handle yourself with due restraint. A large fern ball over a fireplace is likely to appear more than a little ridiculous. But a suspension of English ivies, or a bold pattern of unusual philodendrons may be strikingly effective.

One word of warning, though: Before you build a fire on the hearth beneath your plants, make sure the chimney flue is open. Fried philodendron is no better than smoked fern.


## Third weekend

Space-saving trees. Pleaching and pollarding, handmaidens (or stepchildren?) of topiary, have a poor relation that, in the family of tree shaping, has as yet no name. You could call it ovalizing, or you could simply say that it was a means of giving a tree two and a half dimensions instead of the three it had before. At all events, the purpose of the operation is to reduce the amount of space the boundary trees eat up around the edges of small properties. You do this by flattening, on the inner side at least, the conic section of your evergreens, thus retaining the effect of roundness, but actually reducing the branch radius on your side of the screen. Not every tree, not even every evergreen, will lend itself to this sort of flattening after it begins to reach maturity. But a gradual process of reducing annual tip growth (of pines, cedars, junipers, arborvitaes, firs and the like) as well as a sort of rough pruning of hemlocks and yews will reduce the projecting arc of the branches without harming the general roundness. Hollies and rhododendrons, as well as such large deciduous species as symplocos, styrax, the bigger viburnums and amalenchier, can be similarly reduced from front to back without damage either to their wellbeing or their appearance. Two caveats: First, never use hedging shears; second, make sure your ladder is firm on the ground and you on it.

Compass point: Before planning your flattening measures, bear in mind that a south-facing screen is likely to respond to pruning more quickly and predictably than one facing east (fine for most evergreens), or west (slower and less safe in prevailing winter winds), or north (worst for inducing compact growth).


## Fourth weekend

Lux et veritas. There is a lot of nonsense abroad about growing plants under artificial light, with only here and there a mead of truth. Just to keep things simple, the following related generalizations could be made: The intensity of any and all artificial light varies inversely as the square of the distance from the light to the plant. At a given intensity, the red rays in incandescent light are more effective in stimulating normal plant growth than fluorescent rays. But alas, incandescent light close enough to make plants grow will also burn them to a crisp. While ordinary fluorescents are tolerably cool at effective distances, they are short on some of the red rays. And if ordinary fluorescents are more than 8 to 14 inches away from the growing part of the plant, they will do little to no good-no matter how many of them you combine to give how great a volume of candlepower. Nonetheless, conventional fluorescents can work wonders with certain plants. In fact Afri-can-violets that are grown under fluorescent light exclusively are often so much better than daylightgrown plants that there is no comparison. Thus, many a basement or window sill can become an effective winter greenhouse for seedlings and small garden plants with the help of light tubes properly placed. (Adjusting the periods of illumination, often best done with the aid of a timer-switch, is a separate story.)

Now comes the real news. At least one manufacturer has recently made available a wholly new kind of fluorescent tube that supplies much of the missing red. And the results are proving spectacular. These tubes are as far ahead of the old ones as the old ones were ahead of incandescent bulbs-if such a comparison is possible. You can buy these tubes, paired in properly designed and supported reflectors, or you can buy the tubes and basic fixtures and rig your own plant shelf. The color of the light is pretty garish, no matter what poetic descriptions are used in advertising it. It will fractionate a woman's party makeup about as effectively as a quartz prism or a 10,000 watt klieg-light, and it will make plants grow in the most astonishing fashion ever With the long winter evenings coming on, we commend these lights to you. They are not given away, but they are not costly either. So wipe off that lipstick and give them a try.
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# has GARDENERS 

## The Christmas-roses

## and how they grow

## in one man's winter garden

## by George F. Hull

When raw winds blow and ice and snow are the only major prospect in the garden, any flower that opens in midwinter gains special attention. When the blossoms themselves are as sensational as the Christmas-rose, Helleborus niger, and its overlooked cousin, the Lenten-rose, H. orientalis (see pages 158 and 159), there is no need to point out the scarcity of floral competition. The Christ-mas-rose, perhaps because of the twofold appeal of its common name, seems well-known even to those who really don't know it at all. But it is hard to understand why the other hellebore, which has a greater color range and a sturdier constitution, is virtually unknown in this country even to experienced gardeners. At all events, both are adapted to the same wide climate range-everywhere except in sections of very hot, dry summers-and both bloom in winter when we need flowers the most. Again, both have flowers averaging 3 inches-occasionally 4 inches-in diameter. Perhaps it is the "timing mechanism" of these two species, differing slightly as they do, that accounts in part for the difference in popular acceptance. The Christmas-rose blooms first, almost surely in time for the holidays and sometimes as early as the first of November-even before in exceptional cases. Its flower buds start pushing up in early fall and are often visible (Continued on page 186)


A healthy clump of Christmas-rose in full winter flower needs make no apology for its popular name. It is as bright as the spirit of Christmas and blooms during the Christmas season. Even if it is not a rose, it has a rose's elegance.

# MONTH 

Contrary to report, gardening never stops. There are chores to do, books to read, even flowers to grow for beauty in the snow


Seedlings of the Lenten-rose (Helleborus orientalis) are easy for the patient gardener to raise-besides, exercise of the most elemental of horticultural techniques is part of every gardener's education. The small plant ABOVE, already transplanted once to give the earliest sprouts growing room, is 4 months old. It first germinated in late winter from seed ripened the preceding spring. The second year following, RIGHT, seedling has formed a healthy crown, will flower the ensuing bloom season. Small plants may be moved in summer if due care is exercised to keep them from drying out. Mature clumps such as that below are best transplanted in early autumn, just before the period of most active growth begins.


While both the Lenten-rose, richt, and the Christmas-rose, opposite page, will flower in snow without difficulty, the perfection of the flowers may be marred by the physical buffeting of wind and the stress of ice. The consequent loss of size and what the flower show judge would call "finish" are not so important in the wintry garden. But their contribution to the effectiveness of cut hellebores in containers and arrangements indoors is of very real im. portance. Flower cups wider than a silver dollar, Right, and crisp clean petals are best preserved by protecting the flowering plants during the stormiest season with panes of glass supported on a simple frame.


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before really cold weather arrives. The Lenten-rose, however, apparently waits for a frosty period to trigger the start of flower development. Then buds enlarge quickly and the flower stalks rise even though it is still midwinter with much of the coldest weather yet to come.

In our garden in east Tennessee, the Christmas-rose usually begins to open its blossoms in November, and usually is finished during January. The orientalis hybrids come into bloom in January three years out of four and remain effective for about three months. If there are no mild days following the first hard frost in autumn, however, the Lenten-rose may not open for us until February. This reaction to weather means that where winters are consistently cold, the Lenten-rose does wait for Lent, may be among the first flowers of late winter like their kinsman, winter-aconite.

Both hellebore species bear flowers that are almost indestructible as far as cold is concerned. They have survived ice, snow and near-zero temperatures. In our garden I have picked them when they were frozen stiff and still they were undamaged. Growers of Christmas-rose in colder climates sometimes use the protection of a pane of covering glass or coldframe to limit damage to this species, lest white blossoms that often face upward be marred by really rough weather. The Lenten-rose fares better without protection. Its flowers droop naturally on the stalk, giving them a little built-in protection. This posture prompts the viewer while on a winter ramble through the garden to lift the blossoms for a better look. Here are the pleasant surprises: Some of the hybrid Lenten-roses may be just as pure white as the Christ-mas-rose, but most of them have colorful variations, and many are spotted in varying degrees with deep rose or plum color markings. Some are rose or purplish mauve, again variously marked with deeper colored spots (see page 159).

Nor is the color an unchang. ing picture. Like a few other favorites that have durable flowers, the "petals" of the hellebores actually are sepals. The true flowers appear within them at the first opening, a cluster of small clawlike petals encircling a mass of brilliant yellow stamens. Then seed pods form here, slowly enlarging over a period of weeks. At the same time the sepals, which at first were white or colored, slowly change to green. Weather influences the reaction of the white Christmas-rose, which sometimes turns purplish, yellowish, or almost a bright pink, before acquiring its final green cast. Colored veining develops at the same time.

The process is also true for the Lenten-rose, with rosy and plum shades predominating. Old flowers with their inflated pods are as handsome in their way as the newly opened ones. Thus on one plant a variety of colorful blossoms may be seen, as new flowers open while the older ones still remain.

Leaves of both of these hellebore species are handsome, palmately divided, arising directly from the fleshy rootstocks. Normally both are evergreen, though the foliage of our Lenten-rose is somewhat darker green than the other, forming mounds some 15 inches tall.

The first plant of Lenten-rose I introduced to our garden was planted in a manner calculated to horrify a conscientious gardener: a plant from a pot was set in poor, dry clay at the top of a bank in the shade of deciduous trees. No fertilizer nor special mulching has been applied since then. But the soil has mellowed somewhat under a natural layer of leaves, and to-day-twenty-three years later-a volunteer colony grows on the spot.

Bigger plants will develop in somewhat better soil, but the hellebores should not be pampered. My observation is that heavy applications of peatmoss and humus in the planting soil may cause an overwet condition during rainy weather that may lead to root rot. Nor is a strongly acid soil to be favored. I have seen hellebores growing equally well in a mildly acid clay and cherty hillside and in a clay soil that is almost "sweet"pH 6.5. Both locations are well drained. And it should be noted that in such a situation, clay-if not a very tight kind-tends to be moisture-retentive and favorable to plant survival during droughts.

The prime requisites in our climate are shade in summer (preferably from deciduous trees), some warming sunlight in winter and good drainage. An ideal location is the wild or relatively unkempt part of the garden, where a natural mulch of fallen leaves accumulates in autumn.

We have found other hellebore species worth growing in our garden. St. Patrick's rose, H. viridus, is deciduous-leaved, producing veined green flowers before the new foliage appears in spring. More striking, however, is the Bearsfoot hellebore, H. foetidus, with clusters of small cup-shaped green blossoms tipped with brown, or almost red. One of our plants produced three stalks 23 inches tall, with sixty to seventy-five florets on each. At first the green cups are an inch across, then slowly open to $13 / 4$, sometimes 2 , inches. Dark green leaves are 5 inches long, deeply cut, and on 4to 6 -inch stalks. Plants are in bloom with the earliest daffodils.

## Baroque Music: the ways and means

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Reproductions of seventeenth- and eighteenth-century keyboard instruments-virginals, harpsichords and clavichords-are relatively easy to come by. Yet since they are made to order, you must be prepared for somewhat of a wait. One maker, however, offers a build-your-own harpsichord kit with which you can assemble an instrument without too much trouble if you boast a little wood-working and mechanical skill. Here are three keyboard instrument makers you can write to for free catalogues and price lists:
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On the assumption that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach, even (or perhaps especially) at Christmas time, let us begin these seasonal notes by assuming further that the way to good food is through Maxim's front door. "Chez Maxim's" (Mc-Graw-Hill, \$15) is a lavishly illustrated collection of French recipes, both haute cuisine and bourgeoise, that is probably destined to be to this year's gift seeker what "Larousse Gastronomique" was to last year's. Admirers of The Merry Widow and Gigi will be intrigued by the anecdotes about famous Maxim's diners in a nostalgic and gossipy foreword by the Countess Guy de Toulouse-Lautrec ("The Duchess of Windsor signifies a desire for woodcock by lowering her eyelids"). Americans will find equally poignant a chapter on "The Art of Perfect Entertaining." Perfect entertaining in the French manner includes a butler to help guests find their seats at table, a chauffeur to park their cars and a hostess who spends "several hours alone with herself, resting, dressing and getting in the mood to enjoy her own party." Louis Vaudable, owner of Maxim's, contributes an introduction and an excellent chapter on wine which is concise, clear and completely contemporary. The rest is recipes, ranging from a simple dish of scrambled eggs to Selle d'Agneau Maria Callas, which calls for a large quantity of black truffles. Color photographs, some handsome, others pretty garish, are generously interlarded, if that is the word, with the text.

The subject of food suggests, naturally enough, children. So push back the fingerbowl and pick up one of the choicest stocking stuffers of this or any Christ-mas-the "Nutshell Library" by Maurice Sendak (Harper \& Row, $\$ 2.95$ ). In a marvelously embellished slip case that is about as big as a cake of soap (than which it is likely to be far more appealing to the young) are four volumes, each complete and each as big as a small pocket diary. Our favorite is "Alligators All Around," but who is to say that "Chicken Soup with Rice," to name another, is not more engrossing. . . . "A Young Explorer's New York" by Lavinia Faxon and Alan Price (N. Y. Graphic

Society, \$3.95) consists in chief part of twelve illuminated maps with lucid text that is free from both sugar and saccharine (so older types than the eight-totwelve group it is designed for may find it useful, too). The book is not only attractive to look at but will prove a good-natured and informative guide on smallfry safaris about the city. ... "One Boy's Boston," by historian Samuel Eliot Morison (Houghton Mifflin, \$3), is a children's book in name only. It is the lively, tender and other-worldly memoir of the first fourteen years in the life of an extraordinary member of an extraordinary family during an extraordinary era in an extraordinary enclave of an extraordinary city. (For the word extraordinary you could substitute unique, which would be just as accurate.) What might in other hands have been lost in the chilly shadows of Beacon Hill seems, in this rememberer's care, to be warmed by a fresh breeze off the sunny banks of the Charles. (Old Bostonians especially, please note.)

## Back Bay to Baroque

If it sometimes seems a long way from Boston to the rest of the world, at least the trip is worth attempting. In lieu of a magic carpet, turn to three off-beat and wholly unrelated volumes that, for want of a better phrase, could be called art books. "Baroque Europe" edited by Harald Busch and Bernd Lohse (Macmillan, $\$ 15)$ contains more than 240 examples in black and white of the finest interiors and exteriors of this incredible period. The superbly literal photography is exactly right for its subject, and the sum total effect is hypnotic.
"Tunisia, Ancient Mosaics" is the eighteenth volume in the UNESCO World Art Series, with texts by Giacomo Caputo and Abdelaziz Driss (N. Y. Graphic Society, \$18). Thirty-two fullpage color plates of unusual North African mosaic floors that date from the second to the early sixth centuries are beautifully reproduced. Some follow classical themes, others are purely abstract designs. An ancient Mediterranean culture is recaptured by the stylized plates of fish, birds and animals.... All the books that have been published on Pierre

Auguste Renoir notwithstanding, a new memoir of the father by als son is a warm and welcome addition to the list. "Renoir, My Father" by Jean Renoir (Little, Brown, $\$ 8.95$ ) is a thorough and meticulous introduction to the life and heart of Renoir. Did you know that he was, as well as a great artist, a great father?

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There is a vague region common perhaps to both art and antiquity, a sort of everyman's land, that is peopled by a happy and numerous breed who, for want of time to think of a less controversial word, could perhaps best be called collectors. Two books that will send the antique buff in your family into absolute transports are "The Complete Encyclopedia of Antiques" edited by L. G. G. Ramsey (Hawthorn Books, pre-Christmas $\$ 19.95$ ) and "American Furniture" by Helen Comstock (Stu-dio-Viking, pre-Christmas \$15). The first is a handsome 1,408 pages of explicit pictures and authoritative text, with a comprehensive reading and museum list and $a$ fine index at the end. The second is a complete guide to seven-teenth-, eighteenth-, and early-nineteenth-century American furniture styles done with the thoroughness we expect from such an international authority as Helen Comstock. No one could possibly deserve to receive both these books at once. Either one would be paradise enow.

From art to antiques to artifice is an easy hop, skip and jump-well within every homeowner's acrobatic reach. Our British sibling offers proof with its "House \& Garden Book of Interiors," edited by Robert Harling (St. Martin's Press, pre-Christmas, $\$ 15$ ). Here, in very human visual terms and the most ingratiating sort of descriptive prose, is a grand tour of more than a hundred homes (owned and variously lived in by peers, commoners and some of the notable but miscellaneous fallout from both
groups, here and on the Continent). Speaking of peers, commoners and other such riffraff, we give you Cornelia Otis Skinner's fastidiously titled "Elegant Wits and Grand Horizontals" (Houghton Mifflin, \$5). We doubt that any of the personalities of the Belle Epoque that Miss Skinner writes about is any more witty than she is, which is our good fortunebecause her subjects are seen to sparkle on these pages in all their illustrious (even scandalous) glory. We hesitate to stress Miss Skinner's subject matter, however. It is the author's level gaze and leaping if loving thrusts that make the book so attractive.

## And a Merry One

And now we come down to the wire with Christmas itself. Miles and John Hadfield's beautifully (the word is used advisedly) researched book on "The Twelve Days of Christmas" (Little, Brown, \$7.50) is so agreeable you forget it is really at heart another book about Christmas. As a literary enterprise it defies ordinary labels. Compendium is one word that comes to mind. Anthology serves but ill the contribution of the authors. Picture book is pertinent but stultifying. Special, precious even, but warm and toothsome as a Christmas pudding, this is the most lighthearted memorial volume we have seen in many a season. . . . Then finally, the toys of Christmas: Dan Foley's enchanting "Toys Through the Ages" (Chilton, \$5.95). The subtitle, which we find heartwarming, is "the story of playthings." We suspect this book will be a collector's item in its own time and immediately upon publication. Certainly no such simple and affectionate volume is to be found on today's overcrowded counters. Mr. Foley, a lover of plants and their lore for many years, turns as naturally and as happily to the delights of childhood as a plant turns to the sun. The publishers call it a "book for all ages." Nonsense. It is strictly a book for people with long, joyous memories.

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Elated by our good fortune in discovering Judge Link's fabulous Christmas tree, page 118, the happy, thought occurred to us that there must be other $\mathrm{H} \& \mathrm{G}$ readers whose Christmas trees will sparkle this holiday season with deeply personal, lovingly gathered ornament collections.

Are you, too, a dedicated tree-trimmer? Does your own Christmas tree collection have a story behind it?

If so, H\&G's editors invite you to enter our Most Splendid Christmas Tree Competition. The rules are simple, the rewards appropriate.

## Here's what you do:

1. If you believe your 1962 Christmas tree, when all decorated, is notable for its exceptional beauty, its originality or the story of its background, photograph it in color.
2. Write a brief description of your ornament collection-what it includes, how you collected it, and why it is unique.
3. Fill in the entry blank below or a reasonable facsimile thereof and mail it with your color photograph (not smaller than 3 by 5 inches or larger than 8 by 10 inches) and the description of your ornamentsnot later than January 28,1963 , to:

> House \& Garden
> Christmas Tree Competition 420 Lexington Avenue New York 17, New York

H\&G's editors will be the judges. The most striking of all the entries will be recognized in two ways: (1) It will be published in the December 1963 issue of $\mathrm{H} \& \mathrm{G}$, and (2) Its owner will receive a complete home movie-making system worth $\$ 600$ consisting of a No. 212 Kodak Sound 8 Projector (with which you can add sound to any 8 mm . film), a No. 147 Kodak Zoom 8 Reflex Camera (with push-button and manual "zooming" capabilities), and a Kodak movie screen.

There will be runner-up prizes, too. The owners of the ten next mostsplendid Christmas trees will receive a copy of "H\&G's Complete New Guide to Interior Decoration," which sells in book stores for $\$ 12.95$.

Who can enter: Anyone residing in the United States or Canada may enter the competition. No entrant may be in any way connected with The Condé Nast Publications Inc. nor related to any of its employees. It is not necessary for an entrant to subscribe to HOUSE \& GARDEN to participate.
Judging: The decision of the judges will be final. The winners will be notified by mail on or about April 1, 1963. All entries become the property of The Condé Nast Publications Inc. and none will be returned to the senders.
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