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Whenever I work abroad, I am struck by the Europeans' love for objects. They have a passion for little things they can strew like jewels around the room, and they find great pleasure in discovering some new trinket to take home with them. I often wish objects held more of a fascination for Americans, for they are the most intimate, personal part of decorating. There is nothing that adds more to the warmth and personality of a room.

So important are objects that when I take a client shopping for a table, I always look around the store for some vase or clock or sculpture to put on top, so we can
A table is meant
to hold things see what the table looks like adorned. A table is, after all, meant to hold things. No matter how beautiful it is, a table is positively forlorn with nothing on it. A room full of empty tables would have about as much charm as a blank wall.

$I$couldn't bear living in a room without objects all over the place. It gives me the greatest pleasure to glance around my living room and be reminded by a brass turtle of the friend who gave it to me, or by a funny old stone ball with white enamel facets imprinted with numbers of the curious English shop where I found it. (Your guess is as good as mine as to what it could have been for.)

Beautiful ebjects are meant to be touched

I do not mean you should run out and buy a bunch of little boxes or sculptures or brass turtles just to fill your tables. Ludicrous as it may sound, I know people who actually do that. One woman I know bought a truckload of cheap imitations of those beautifully designed, fabulously expensive eighteenth-century gold boxes and arranged them on library tables as if they were museum pieces. That is the height of pretension and the lowest form of fashion. What I do mean is that people should keep the objects they love out in the open where everyone can see and touch them. Or, if they have no objects to speak of, I'd like to see them begin to notice bits of fine craftsmanship, or a graceful line, or some interesting texture, or even to find beauty in an ob-
ject because of its history. There is something very appealing about picking up a cut of rock crystal or a piece of Inca gold and holding it for a bit in your hand.

$Y$ou could have anything that fascinates you-a collection of minerals or archaeological finds. Or things you remember noticing on your parents' living-room tables when you were small-those indescribables of no intrinsic value but great personal meaning. It doesn't matter how much money the object is worth or whether it is beautiful or an utter monstrosity. What matters is only the joy it brings to you.

It is difficult for some people, however, to tell whether what they see will be a lasting joy or just an ephemeral whim. Especially when you travel, it is sometimes very tricky to choose among native pottery or weaving or what have you. Remember that many of the designs have been altered or updated in some way to please tourists. They are not really very good in their natural surroundings, and when you get them home they're horrors. Unless native crafts have very beautiful, classic lines, they often do not travel well. When you put them in your living room, you find they look vulgar, and they cheapen the things around them.

$M$any people, as they accumulate things, just mix them together any old way, assuming that any sort of hodgepodge on a table will turn out all right. They are dead wrong. Some combinations of objects look just as heavy-handed as argyle socks with evening sandals. A striking piece of Mexican pottery, for instance, might be wonderful with an inlaid wood box, but when you try to put it near a piece of delicate porcelain, the porcelain looks puny, the pottery ungainly.

There is a small house in the South of France whose owner has filled every table and chest with the most beautiful objects arranged in the most striking ways. On one table he has surrounded a perfectly wonderful Greek marble foot with a group of pottery boxes and animals, all made by a very talented potter who lives nearby. They are all strong, although they are small. They are weighty. They have immense dignity and enormous character. On another table is a collection of hands-stone hands, glass hands, porcelain, metal, and wooden hands, hands of all sizes and attitudes. Here he has mixed the delicate with the massive. What makes them happy together is their common subject. When this man arranges a table, he does it with the care

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and critical eye of an artist making a col-lage-and is just as absorbed in his work. I've watched him put a group of things together, take something away, replace it with something else. "There's only one way to tell what goes together and what doesn't," he once said to me, "and that is to try them."

$I$have found that in general certain things do mix well. Tortoise shell and wood, for instance, placed close together on a single table, look much better than if you scattered them around the room. It's really the same principle as planting a garden-a sprinkling of red tulips throughout the garden hasn't one tenth the impact of one glorious mass. Another way to mix things is by the quality of their color-the pale off-tones of a miniature Monet painting, for instance, alongside a pink marble sculpture and a pale green box. Or an Imari bowl together with a red lacquer box and a bunch of tiger lilies.

Don't forget plants and flowers-they mix with anything. It seems the presence of a growing, living thing on a table makes everything else come alive, too. But the same rules apply: With a table full of pottery and pre-Columbian arti-

## Living ptants

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else come alive facts, you would use a small flowering cactus rather than a bowl of roses.

$O$nce a woman who had just been married asked me to help her arrange the things she had brought with her when she moved into her husband's apartment. When I got there, waiting in the middle of the living room was a card table absolutely jam-packed with boxes, sculptures, minerals, and all kinds of curiosities, all of them very dear to her. She was more than a little worried about putting them around because, as I could see by looking around the room, her husband was a man of great taste. He already had a great many very beautiful things, which he had arranged with obvious care. One by one, we added the objects on the card table to the meticulous arrangements around the apartment. We put her gold boxes with his gold boxes, her Greek marble with his Mesopotamian sculptures. We covered nearly every square inch of one table with their tortoise-shell collections. The woman also had some very fragile feminine things that couldn't very well go in the living room or library, so we grouped them on a glass table by a chair in the bedroom. When the card table was empty, I said to the woman, "Now the most foolish thing you could do is start your life together with a quarrel over these objects. If your husband thinks the room is a mess, or if he feels he has been invaded, simply take everything off. They can be put back later, a little at a time, so they can be absorbed gradually." She called me later that evening to tell me her husband had loved everything -"it was as if he had arranged it all himself." I know how strong and how personal the love of objects can be. If those two collections were so well mated, I can only conclude that their owners, too, are living happily ever after.


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Mr. Jacobsen: Remodeling is usually infinitely easier than building a new house. In remodeling, there's generally only one way to do whatever you want to do. But when you're designing a new house, and you sit out on that naked hill, every stake you put into the ground changes the hill. There are many more decisions to make.
Mr. Arango: There are great satisfactions in making something unsatisfactory work well. A new house, you might say, is like a new car: Everything works smoothly and looks perfect. But if you take an old car and by tuning it up or putting in new parts you can make it work well, that's very satisfying.
Mr. Scharnberg: It's a revelation to most people how a minimum of effort-extending a room, enlarging windows, removing a porch-can make so much difference to the entire rest of the house.
Mr. Arango: One of the nicest things about remodeling is that you can hold onto fond memories of a house, yet update the house itself. The Wragges, for instance, were so fond of their living room, they didn't want to touch it. But when you're remodeling, you have to touch a little bit of everything in the house so that it's all in proportion, homogeneous. In the end, the Wragges did make a few changes in the living room so it would flow with the rest.

## What are the biggest problems in remodeling?

Mr. Jacobsen: The expense. But when people embark on remodeling their house, it means they really want to stay there rather than moving, so in a sense the expense is justified. Mr. Arango: The workmen you need for a remodeling job are all from the most expensive trades. Some of the most important steps in building a new house are not the most expensivebulldozing, making foundations, laying bricks, roofing. The more expensive workmen are the plumbers, electricians, car-penters-the trades you need primarily in remodeling.
Mr. Ramberg: It's hard to find workmen who will commit themselves to a set price for a remodeling job where so much is unknown until you have actually started on the work.
Mr. Arango: Remodeling is like a blind date or a marriage. You always have to expect the unexpected.
Mr. Jacobsen: You'd have to be Clark Kent to know what you'll find in a wall or ceiling or floor before you begin tearing it apart.
Mr. Arango: Sometimes it's hard to find a builder. Many good builders won't touch a remodeling job unless it's on a cost-plus contract, which can go on forever and get very expensive. A very specific, well-defined job with few unknowns is easier to have done on a contract basis.
Mr. Jacobsen: Another problem is living in a house while remodeling is in progress. That can be trying. And if the workmen have to take time at the end of each day to clean up their mess, that can be a source of added expense.

How can people save on remodeling costs?
Mr. Scharnberg: Look for a house that is basically sound and Continued on page 32


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pleasing then put their money into essential additions to it while respecting the integrity of the house. For economy try generally to retain as much of the structural framework as possible if it is in good condition.
Mr. Ramberg: I generally encourage clients to settle for uncomplicated ingredients-simple trim, plain oak floors. An architect can also help a client save money if he knows the local mechanics well and can spend a good amount of time on the job himself. When the unexpected happens, as it always does. it's important that the problem be solved quickly without wasting the workmen's time.
Mr. Arango: One thing that can lead to big expense is the additional ideas a client gets as he sees the work progressing. "Might as well" becomes a dangerous phrase. "Now that we're doing the living room, we might as well do the bathroom." If a client is concerned about saving money, he should decide in the beginning what he wants done and stick to it.
Mr. Scharnberg: In the case of an addition-a room or a wing -it's often more economical to install a separate heating and cooling plant rather than try to hook onto the existing one.
Mr. Jacobsen: The secret of saving money in remodeling is to concentrate on getting the maximum square feet of space or even the maximum illusion of space.

## How do you create the illusiom of space?

Mr. Jacobsen: Well, as you walk into a space, various things define and limit it visually-like the corners. Corners can be minimized by clearing away all unnecessary details. When I remodel a house or a room, I strip all the moldings from the walls, I remove casings from over the doors, even take down the doors themselves. Then I cut doorways all the way up to the ceiling and install new floor-to-ceiling doors ( 10 -foot docrs are great). I also cut window op nings all the way down to the floor. Bringing glass down to the floor stretches a space because it makes the floor plane continuous inside and out. A spiral staircase is wonderful when you're trying to stretch space-it takes about a third less space than a regular staircase.

## When the main object of remodeling is to malke space,

is it better to try to reworlid the existing spaces or to build an addition?

Mr.Scharnberg: Dollar for dollar you get more for your money by building an addition rather than tampering with the old part of a house where the unknown problems lie.
Mr. Ramberg: In the case of the Hardie house, we were going to build another story with rooms looking out over the rooftops of the original house. But that turned out to be an impossibly expensive idea because scaffolding would have to be erected. It turned out to be cheaper to build a whole new wing. But successful addition should also benefit the rest of the house. There was no high-ceilinged room in the Hardie house or any views toward the meadows and barns. The addition feeds the rest of the house with its open views and sense of space.

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## Should an addition have the same character and the same materials as the olal part of a house, or shoulal it be completely different?

Mr. Jacobsen: A good addition shouldn't look like an addition but rather as if some prophet had dreamed it up when the house was built. There should be certain similarities-in the roof pitch, for example, the general proportions, and the materials. But I also feel that an addition can make a clean break with the old. In that case there must be a transition between one and the other-a little court or a glass box, say. Then you really hit it with the new. If a house is on a street where everything is all of a period, though, you can't get away with extremes-they always look like bad jokes. You have to respect the style of the street, but the moment you cross the threshold you can leave the old style behind. I let space rise to the rafters.
Mr. Scharnberg: My approach is to create the interiors that are needed and let the outside complement them. I am interested in how people live today and how to build reasonably to suit them. I am not concerned with continuing the architectural details of the past.
Mr. Arango: For the Wragge house, I felt I could design only a contemporary addition. But I kept the same materials (stucco over concrete block) and continued the basic lines of the existing house. If I were asked to remodel a really fine house of very pure design-let's say a château in France-then I would be on the spot. I can't imitate the work of six hundred years ago. So there, too, I would make a contemporary addition.
Mr. Ramberg: In remodeling there are exceptions to everything, but generally speaking I think it's good to work with the same materials and design elements for the addition. It's rare that changes are an advantage. A radical discontinuity fights the old. Additions should look like accretions of time. They should make a homogeneous whole.

## How should people choose an architect for a remodeling project?

Mr. Jacobsen: They should try to find an architect with varied experience in remodeling. Someone who can anticipate some of the unexpected problems. Also they should try to find a contractor with remodeling experience. Contractors who specialize in new houses often overprice their estimates for remodeling. Mr. Ramberg: I think it's a very good idea for people to look for an architect nearby-in the vicinity of their remodeling. If an architect is close at hand, he can probably spend more time on the job and solve crises more quickly. A young architect is excellent for a remodeling job-someone who doesn't have a big payroll to meet and can put a lot of work into the project, one who's genuinely interested in the problem and the challenge.
Mr. Scharnberg: For any kind of residential architecture, people shouldn't be shy about interviewing several architects and going through a process of elimination before making a choice. For big commercial architectural jobs, the client, particularly if he's interested in good design, always interviews more than one architect. Then the final choice is more satisfactory.

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## the case for collecting

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# . the hostess 

BY MARY MODN HEMINGWAY

There's an art to being at home away from home, a minor art perhaps but nonetheless a fine one. I am talking about entertaining, of putting on a party far afield. There are many reasons why you might be prompted to do it. A party is one way of thanking the local citizens for their hospitality. It is also a graceful way of seeing everybody you want to see without the need for a computerized engagement calendar. And if you are returning to a foreign clime where new acquaintances have been exceptionally kind, a party is a way of saying "Here I am again" without forcing yourself on them.

The art lies in giving your party the ambiance of your home, even though the actual scene is a hotel room furnished with motel modern or movie-palace gilt. Certainly the simplest party to give, and the one that would entail the least preparation and expense, would be a casual cocktail party of the come-and-have-a-drink-with-us variety. But when you set the hour, "do as the Romans do." In some cities in the United States, even the standard 5:00 to 7:00 might be thought a bit late, while the normal time in France or Italy would be 7:00 to 9:00 and in Spain or South America, later still.

The room is most important. If you know in advance that you are going to give a party, it is a good idea to make inquiries about entertainment facilities at the same time that you make your hotel reservations. The management is thereby made aware of your intentions, which tends to make them take you more seriously than just another transient. Even if nothing comes of it, you will have made your mark. You might also ask how they charge. Frequently in this country it is by head count, but some hotels overseas charge only for the food and liquor-nothing at all for the room or for the service, which they assume will be taken care of by tips.

Whatever the charge, better to risk a slightly overcrowded party than have your group disappear into the overwhelming vastness of a "banquet facility." So if your hotel cannot come up with a fairly intimate salon or private dining room, rent a suite for the day or the evening. That will give you a living room for the party itself plus a good place for guests to leave their coats and a convenient powder room.

When mailing your invitations, try to strike a happy mean between too soon and too late. Three weeks should allow time enough for postal aberrations and for guests whose schedules are likely to be crowded. Any more than that could give your party the air of a command performance. And whether you mail the invitations from home or from some stop en route, be sure to stipulate that replies be sent to the hotel where you will be giving the party.

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instance. When the guests are to include several old friends you haven't seen for years, they will enjoy having an up-to date glimpse of your offspring, your house, your pets. Flowers are of great moment for any away-from-home party, since they give you a chance to play up your own color preferences and mask institutional anonymity with personal flair. Even though you may have to order the flowers through the hotel's decorating department, you can rearrange them in your own personal style. You might even go so far as to buy your own containers (they will make great hostess presents when you leave for home, so nothing lost). Candles, too, are a big help in creating the illusion of home-the more the better. Inexpensive holders are usually easy to come by almost anywhere if the hotel cannot supply them.

Give more than passing thought to the food. Steer clear of those paper-lace trimmed plates of dubious delicacies so dear to banquet managers, and order what you like to serve at home. Unless the hotel has some specialty you know is superb, better stick to an assortment of good cheeses and sound crackers, a large bowl of shrimp, platters of raw vegetables. Without a kitchen nearby, hot hors d'oeuvres are chancy. Whenever it is feasible, I like to bring along a goody from my own heath. Surprising how exotic a Vermont cheese can taste in Pasadena, or San Francisco sourdough bread in Savannah, or shredded wheat crackers in Paris.

When it comes to the drinks, naturally you will offer all the universal favorites. Overseas, I have found that native American whiskeys, bourbon in particular, are eagerly accepted, especially by those who have developed a taste for them during Stateside visits but find them difficult to get at home. So I stock up in the tax-free shop before emplaning and take the legal limit with me, against the day. In addition, it is considerate to provide the local favorites, including mix-ers-cream soda in the Middle West, Coke in the South, pisco in Peru, apéritifs in France and Italy, sherry in Englandand always some fruit juices.

If you want to look at home away from home, it makes sense to dress the part, too. Where local mores don't preclude, wear a favorite at-home costume.

Once we gave a party at the end of a visit to South America where I brought forth lots of the delights I had bought to take home, including two charming table covers. It turned out to be impromptu flattery to my guests, since it signified a spontaneous appreciation of their arts as well as contributing a lived-in atmosphere to our hotel room.

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## builder's itch

## HY MARCRA DAVENPORT

It should be understood that Builder's Itch is a distinct disease. In my experience, it is hereditary and congenital. Its manifestation is an obsessive, chronic compulsion to alter and remodel houses.

Building houses from scratch is a different matter, wholly unrelated. I know people who are impassioned house builders. By definition in my family, such people have not got Builder's Itch. We have.

For us, rebuilding, not building is the real symptom of Builder's Itch. It means living right in a house while a major alteration is under way-possibly with half the roof off-unperturbed by plaster dust, sawing, hammering, power drills (modern music), the smell of paint, and all the purposeful commotion of remodeling in progress.

My mother, Alma Gluck, who was one of the best loved of all American singers, had a primary case of Builder's Itch. She bought, repeatedly remodeled, sold, and replaced with fresh tantalizations, nine houses in her lifetime. I have been through six, one of them structurally remodeled three times, and I am looking for the seventh right now. I suppose I shall be looking for years, since my requirements are fixed and compromise is alien to my nature. But the requisites do not concern the prospective house per se (except that it must not be contemporary). They concern the site and the land and such factors. If the house turns out to be a monster of 1891 vintage or even a wreck on first sight, I shall not be bothered a bit. Perhaps the only way I shall find the site I want is by taking with it a frightful house. All the more scope for a rousing bout of Builder's Itch.

My mother was a woman of extraordinary personality, radiant and fascinating. Her charm and her beauty and her wit endeared her to the musical public in every state in this country and to many devoted friends. But she had other sides. As I wrote about her in my book, Too Strong for Fantasy, she was very precise about all kinds of measures and figures, and she kept always within reach a 2 -foot schoolroom ruler. In any house occupied by herself or me or in the houses of friends, after sitting quietly with her needlework for a time or while dummy at bridge, she would rise from her chair, reach for her ruler, and start a slow, apparently aimless promenade around the room. Finally she would turn around and casually, as if continuing a conversation, she would say, "After you knock down that partition beyond the bookshelves, you will have 14 extra feet in which to turn the room around, break open a couple of decent windows, and get rid of that arch that looks like a face with the front teeth missing."

Once as a young bride I lived briefly in a small rented house in Pittsburgh, built by some developer. It was ugly and commonplace. My mother came to see me there, took one look,

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and, walking around with her ruler, began, "Well, of course you can't possibly have that hideous boxed-in staircase. . Now if you knock out that wall and turn the stairs around so they go the other way, you won't have them out in the room but it also won't be like Auburn Prison."
"Mother," I said, "this is just a temporary house. It's rented, it isn't worth spending any money on, and besides, we have none."

My mother shrugged. To her, clever and prudent about money in other ways, money spent on altering houses was somehow money gainfully employed.

Fortunately I moved in a short time, but some years later the climactic day came when my husband and I bought an abandoned hill farm in Vermont. The salt-box house had no plumbing or running water, no electricity, and no repairs or improvements had been made since its building about a hundred years before. It was so dilapidated that if you stepped on one end of a floorboard, the other end flew up and cracked you on the head. Roof, walls, sills, windows were in the same condition. We vowed that except for the piping and plumbing for which we had to hire a plumber (we bought the fixtures from a housewrecking concern) we would do all the work ourselves. It was my first experience with do-it-yourself and my mother came at every opportunity to put in her oar.

I was balancing myself on a roof beam, ripping off old shingles, when my mother strolled up on the ground below and called, "I've been looking at the west side of the house. It's all out of line." (So was the whole house.) "You ought to knock out that entire wall and all those dinky windows and
make a nice open side with French doors to a flagged terrace."
"No, Mother. First we've got to get the house so it doesn't leak."
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"So are we. We like it this way."
This kind of thing went on for several years until my mother could stand the torment no longer. She took a sizable wad of money and banged me over the head with it, ordering me to renovate the house, rebuild the foundation, add a new wing, install electricity, new windows and a new roof (insult!), and paint the whole thing inside and out. I was beaten and I gave in. I did enjoy drawing the "plans." An architect would shudder at this, but my plans are fine for me and my kind of carpenter-the small-town or rural master carpenter who is his own boss, who does much of the work himself, who knows masons, plumbers, electricians and painters much like himself, and who stays with a job until it is done right, whether it is putting up a couple of shelves or rebuilding a whole house.

In my mother's time town houses were big, solid, built to last, and she owned successively four brownstones in New York. Building labor was more expert and less expensive than it is today, but city building is always complicated. You are circumscribed by a mass of city ordinances, which are particularly strict about plumbing, gas, electricity, etc. My mother's chief amusement in town houses was "turning them

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around." If the main rooms fronted on the street side of the house she would decide after a few years that she wanted them at the back. I arrived home from college for Christmas vacation one winter evening in the middle of a blizzard, to find the kitchen stove, a huge black hotel gas range, standing on the corner of Park Avenue and Seventy-second Street while my mother, inside, was having some high-tension talk with several men. I suppose some city permit was at stake. She won. By the next evening the kitchen and pantry were where they had never been before, and she gave a big dance for me.

Builder's Itch involves a lot of pacing. You pace up and down whatever space is "itching" you, sensing what you want to do and imagining the eventual result. Of course you could turn your notions over to an architect, but their ideas about kitchens, for instance, have nothing to do with serious cooking. Part of this may be the fault of house owners who consider a kitchen a hobby or a social center or a status symbol, none of which it ought to be. I consider a kitchen a place to cook. In the present day most of us do our own cooking, but that does not mean I want to do mine under the scrutiny of anyone who may be in my house. Open kitchens openly arrived at permeate the rest of a house with cooking odors.

To me, a kitchen is not part of a "living area," it is a workroom where creative work is done, necessarily with some mess like all creative work. The contemporary picture-book kitchen is an insult to a real cook.

Another stupidity you find in many houses is the interior block of space that typically contains closets adjoining a bathroom between the walls of two bedrooms. Frequently the doors open the wrong way and block your use of the space. (Turning doors around is elementary in Builder's Itch.) Sliding doors are now commonplace, but thirty years ago I manufactured some 360 cubic feet of closet and storage space in my New York apartment by throwing out two hinged doors, using three sliding panels, and rearranging all the interior partitioning. From a total space 5 feet deep, 8 feet long, and $91 / 2$ feet high, I derived in relation to two rooms and a hall: one dress closet with a section for shoes; one large clothes closet including eight 30 -inch-wide built-in drawers; luggage-storage space that holds ten or more valises and cases; a linen closet; and a wine-storage closet. The contractor shook his head every inch of the way.

Of course self-congratulation if not outright boastfulness is a symptom of Builder's Itch-nasty qualities but condonable when a B.I. subject has bested carpenters, masons, plumbers, and other artisans who said, "Impossible." The way to get around these chaps is calmly to act as though no idea of yours could be unfeasible. Do you want to install a bidet in some American locality where preposterous local law says no? (I did-the law is changed now.) The satisfaction of attaining the "impossible" is sweet. Living with the results is sweeter-until the day you begin to itch anew.

I have enjoyed Builder's Itch in Europe even more than in the United States. Years ago I owned a flat in Prague. It was half a floor of a beautiful house more than four hundred years old, already remodeled all the way from Gothic to baroque, with central heating installed in this century. I wanted lots of closets, an extra room and bath, and a modern kitchen, all without disturbing the structural beauty of the walls and

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windows. I got what I wanted by the use of plywood partitioning, handsome millwork doors, good hardware, and a high ladder for access to the upper storage closets that furred out the space to the 14 -foot-high ceilings. I had the help of fine Czech workmen with whom I communicated at first in sign language since my Czech was sketchy. It is far from an easy language, but inside two weeks I was chattering (ungrammatically) in Czech about everything to do with building.

The high point of my disease came some years later when I bought my house in Italy. (Italian I speak like my own language, and in certain extremes, better.) The house was in urgent need of repair and alteration, and I soon had a crew of redoubtable village artisans who were prideful masters of their crafts. We got along gloriously once they had learned that hardest of lessons for an Italian man-to take orders from a woman. You have to make it as palatable for them as possible by encouraging them to think that every good idea is their own. They thought this so vociferously that on Sunday afternoons, most of which they spent at their favorite trattoria playing bocce and drinking wine, they would bring the whole crowd of their friends to show off the wonderful things they had made for the Signora: The screen doors on the kitchen, pantry, and dining room. (I never found out what Italians really do with screening wire. They manufacture it, yet I have never seen a screen door or window in Italy except my own.) The boiling-hot water that gushed at high pressure from the taps (involving some monkey business with the circulating pressure-gauge inspector). The electric broiler-rotisserie from America that required a separate power line (the electrician blew the whole town circuit three times before he believed me and did the work as I said). The doors in the upstairs hall papered with a charming American wallpaper that every man I consulted refused to touch. Whoever heard of such nonsense, Signora? In the end I did it myself.

After a lifetime's experience with Builder's Itch, I might venture a few hints to other actual or potential subjects. The first would be to mull over your plans for remodeling or alteration many, many times before you order any work to begin. If you think an estimate inordinately high, look into the details of the materials that the workman or contractor proposes to use. For instance: Factory-made windows and doors in standard sizes are the rule today, because special sizes made to order are prohibitive. If you are remodeling a crazy-quilt house (the obvious choice) base your new door and window measurements on the sizes of those available ready-madethere is a wide range of types and prices. Learn all about them before you make your choice. Try your hardest to have all your planning complete before any work begins and not to make any changes afterwards. From chastening experience, I know that the most expensive pitfall in Builder's Itch is the sudden bright idea thrown in after the work is under way. "Once I'm in the midst of it, I might as well do thus-and-such" can add thousands to the cost.

The best way to keep your job on schedule, your wishes followed without expensive mistakes, and your attack of B.I. a pleasure is to live right in the house you are remodeling while the work is going on. You may have to camp in a dank room, cooking on a hot plate and taking baths at a neighbor's, but that is part of the fun. And it is fun-but you have to be a real victim of Builder's Itch to understand this.

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## HY MARY ELIZABETH FALTEIS

One of the messiest jobs I know of is changing the ribbon on a typewriter. My normal routine is to attempt to do it myself, with negative results, then to haul both ribbon and typewriter to the stationery store for first aid. Last week while the kindly proprietor was undoing the mess I had made, I was appalled at the amount of black ink that came off the ribbon onto her hands. When I apologized, she just laughed and said it was a nothing problem because she was well supplied with a new hand cleaner-a product called M\&V. It comes in an aerosol spray can and you simply spray it on your hands, rub them together until the stains disappear, then rinse them in warm water. The spray contains lanolin so there isn't much danger of drying out the skin. I bought a can on the way home, and it seems to be in constant use for dirty gardening hands, now that Tom and I are both busy weeding.

A friend of ours in San Francisco has given us a wonderful present: Twice a month, she has a famous old bakery there air-mail us two large round loaves of San Francisco sourdough French bread (there is no equal to it). One batch arrived slightly dried out, so to revive it Tom tried an experiment. He took the loaves out of their paper wrappers and put them into a plastic bag along with a generous amount of damp-dry paper toweling, then closed the bag tightly. Next day the loaves were their delicious selves again, and we have found this treatment keeps the bread fresh for quite awhile. It can be used for any other types of whole loaves, but I don't recommend it for sliced bread.

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It seems to me we're always having to buy batteries to replace the worn-out ones in the flashlights, or the transistor radios, or Tommy's battery-operated electric Hockey Game, or some other battery-operated appliances. I don't try to stockpile extras because they have to be stored so carefully, and, of course, once they're in place, they start to die even if you don't use the appliances very often. I had almost reached the point of saying, no more battery-operated items in our house, when I ran into a busy little gadget called the Automatic Self-Regulating Home Battery Charger. It's a neat box a little bigger

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than a cigar box and it will automatically recharge batteries of many kinds from AA pen lights to the widely used $D$ and $C$ size and the 9 V radio batteries. The trick is to catch the batteries when they are losing strength (when radios begin to lose volume or lights dim) but are not yet completely dead. A simple recharge at this point will bring them back as good as new. In fact, it can prolong the life of a battery many times over its normal number of efficient operating hours.

On her dining room table, Mother always has a pretty bowl of fruit arranged in her own special way. She makes a base of something simple like oranges, then builds it up with more interesting fruits: limes, perhaps, golden delicious apples, sometimes plums or even nectarines that are not quite ripe enough to eat. Grapes are a hazard, she says, because members of the family like to pluck off a grape or two in passing and pretty soon all that remains is a forlorn collection of stems. To fill in the gaps, she
uses smooth brown chestnuts, then tops it all off with some sprays of ivy. A glass jigger of water tucked in among the fruit keeps the ivy fresh. In fact, it often roots and she's started many new plants.

We've saved many a hefty rug or upholstery bill by buying several extra yards of carpeting or fabric when we're refurbishing. The cost of the additional material is minimal compared to complete replacement. For instance, our last
puppy loved to chew the nubby brown carpet in the hall, and often before we discovered her at work, she'd pull out tufts until there were bald spots that went right down to the backing. All of which made me very unhappy until I found out how easy it is to repair or patch a carpet, particularly a rough textured one. They just cut out the bad place neatly, then fasten an exact patch into position with pressure-sensitive tape. When our living room sofa and chairs began to look shabby, I had them cleaned, then sent the two chairs to the upholsterer to have only the arms recovered with some of my reserve fabric. If the rest of the chairs had faded, of course, I'd have been in trouble. But dyes seem to be getting more and more colorfast, so no problem.

If you lose your daily or weekly helper, these days, chances are ten to one you won't be able to replace her for some time. One friend of mine has solved the problem by hiring a good, reliable maintenance company to come in twice a month and clean her house from top to bottom. Since all her children are now grown and away from home, the house stays reasonably presentable in between. When the task force arrives, they do a very thorough general cleaning: vacuuming, dusting, brushing down walls, scrubbing kitchen and bathrooms. Some jobs like washing windows, waxing floors, and dusting books aren't done every visit but are rotated. In any case, Anne says all she has to do in between is keep order, dust, and occasionally run the sweeper. She bought a new stove with a self-cleaning oven and a refrigerator that doesn't need defrosting, so those chores are simplified, too. The great trick, she says, is to keep both appliances clean all the time and rule out the need for periodic overhauls.

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HY LOUISE ADE HOGEIE

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F.C.T.-Delray Beach, Fla.

You have a good example of a Connecticut highboy in the Queen Anne style, probably dating about 1770 . We cannot identify David Butler; it could be the original owner.


Here are enlarged copies of the marks on my grandfather's Sèvres plates. What do they mean? The plates were given to him while he headed a Paris publishing house. J.N.Y.-Easton, Pa.

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Can you help me identify my mahogany spinning wheel? It has ivory buttons and handwrought screws. On the top is a copper cup and a movable holder that seems to be for a candle.
M.S.E.-Philadelphia, Pa.

Your finely turned spinning wheel appears to be of English origin dating from the late eighteenth century. The candleholder is an unusual and interesting feature.

The words "Favorite Stove \& Range" are on the oven door of my small stove and "Dollys' Favorite, Piqua, Ohio" on the side. Can you tell whether this is a toy stove or a manufacturer's sample? And how old is it?
R.U.-Moberly, Mo.

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> J.D.K.-Memphis, Tenn.

You have a print rack that shows classical influence and belongs to the Victorian era. It is probably English, dating in the latter part of the nineteenth century.

When I bought this chair, the dealer told me it was old and good of its type. Can you tell me what kind of chair it is and just how old?
P.D.E.-Naples, Fla.

Your chair is a pleasing example of a Sheraton style "fancy chair." It is American, probably made in Baltimore, and dates from around 1825 .

fancy chair


I inherited this pair of old vases. The outside is a deep pink with white lines, the glass flowers and leaves are lemon color, as is the lining. There is no mark on either vase. What can you tell me about them?
H.M.C.-Duluth, Minn.

Your bowls are fine examples of English satin glass with applied glass flowers and feet. They probably date around 1880.



## A place to be

 aloneBY DEE HARIDIE

For most women, Garbo was the first to say it-publicly. She merely announced that she wanted to be alone. A century before, however, Henry Thoreau wrote it, and lived it, without benefit of press agents. "I would rather sit on a pumpkin and have it all to myself than to be crowded on a velvet cushion." It's too bad they never met. A Garbo and a Thoreau. One wonders what they would have said to each other. "Let's get away from it all?"

But it's not that easy. Ever since there was that old woman who lived in a shoe, there's been the need, the desire for women to have a place to be alone, at least for a pocket of the day. A place to recharge, to revitalize, to remember who you are, what you are and what's to be-and I don't mean for dinner. A snug harbor to rejuvenate your ego in private.

The husband-and-father has his study or workshop with his props of authority-the desk or the workbench, the high wall of books or the flat, wooden table with the buzz saw. And the children can retreat to their own rooms, which they can decorate with abandon to reinforce their individuality, with posters of peace or mobiles of amusement.

## ". . . SHE HAS NO ENCLAVE EXCLUSIVELY HEIRS"

But what about the wife-and-mother-is she underprivileged in her search for space? Is she the only one with SRO in her own house? Perhaps because it is often assumed that the whole house is hers, she frequently has no enclave that is exclusively hers. But a woman needs a world that is not just her oyster. She needs a corner that is her special shell, to unfold, to unwind.

And what is she usually given? By courtesy of the architect, a small desk in the kitchen. By courtesy of her husband, permission to decorate their bedroom. (But it must be neither too feminine, nor too fey to make the male of the house uncomfortable.) In pre-Revolutionary houses, there was often a small closet off the bedroom, a prayer closet, where a woman could be alone with her hopes, her fears.

Now, after surviving nineteen full years with one husband and four juvenile leads, twentieth-century Indians-now at last 1 , too, have a room of my own. [See page 106.] A small addition, but such a giant step.

We could have done something different, perhaps more reasonable, more altruistic. The piano is still in the kitchen (where else would you put a forty-year-old piano home upholstered in flowered orange and red? ), and Beth's zoo-bed-room-Smithsonian Institution poses as our only guest room. But flinging all sensibilities aside, we added a room for mea room of my own!

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It was built at the end of the line, at the end of a gallery going along the front of our house from the living room, past the library to the farthest point from the kitchen or the children's bedrooms upstairs. It is my private world with my fern green desk waiting for me, at my will. There I look out a high Palladian window to a primitive red barn, and there I write .. letters, bills, even notes to myself.

Sometimes I just sit. I stop, look, and see again the snow fences on the hill gently collapsing into unconscious geometric patterns against the white of winter, and now that it's spring I don't know how I ever forgot the beauty of that leafy mantilla of the nearby willow tree.

Other women with other ways, other whims, have found places to be alone in, somehow. It's a wonderful bouquet, full of sense and femininity and scent.

## *WHAT . . . DHI I NEED WITH A SUN POILCH . . . :"

In Santa Fe, architect Alexander Girard created a special place for his wife Susan who says, "It used to be open space on top of the house, and we would go there to look at the sunsets. Now it is a long, narrow room with a wall of windows, all sizes, all shapes, looking toward the Sandia Mountains. Since it is the only room on the second floor, the family forgot at first that it was there. It is still a place I don't expect to be found immediately. It's where I go to collect my thoughts, my wits, a place to talk to an old friend quietly."

In a crueler climate, Mrs. Osborne Downing of Greensboro, Vt., said, "What in the world did I need with a sun porch, when what I really wanted was a modified orangery! All we did was store the lawn mower there anyhow, and now I have a garden room.
"I sit at the round marble table to write, or I read in my Vermont kitchen chair, softened by yellow and blue plaid cushions. The only other furniture is an old maple cupboard for china because when we have more than eight for dinner this greenery becomes our second dining room.
"We put in glass walls, indirect light, and electric heating, and fortunately it has a Southwest exposure. In the corner I've banked my orange tree and lemon tree, maidenhair ferns and ivy trees. And in this harsh climate, spring comes to my garden room first. I force my tulips and hyacinths together in old maple sugar buckets, primroses in another, and the herbs in the brass apple butter tub. Such scents are mighty appealing when you're alone. Sorrel for soup, chervil for my salads, basil for everything."

Other private worlds emerge from other old stand-bys. Take the garage. Mrs. Alexander K. Barton did. Behind her Baltimore town house, across the handkerchief lawn, is a small, peak-roofed, colonial-brick, blue-doored once-garage that looks more Amsterdam than Baltimore. It is here that Cary Barton, pianist and lecturer, has her piano, her desk, her musical library.
"Here I don't have to put my papers away . . . here I have the quietude I need to build the strength for other times."

On weekends, however, the room is a pool hall. The Barton children assume ownership but don't touch-except the cue tips.

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Janet Hughes, another Maryland neighbor, leaves her 200 -year-old octagonal house every morning and walks over to her garage where she raised the roof to make a studio. She paints alone and writes children's books here. But when any of the eleven grandchildren come, they sleep under the big top, the third floor dormitory of the eight-sided house where the pointed ceiling has been painted in wide, red circus stripes. And their grateful parents use the studio with its small kitchen, but no telephone-to be alone.

## *I HAD TO HAVE A ROOM ALQNE SO I WOELDN'T FEEL SO MUCH ALONE."

Another promising island is the second bedroom. "When our two daughters were married I realized the second half of my life had begun, I felt my important job was over," admits Gloria Katzenberg of Pikesville, Md. "I felt empty. I had to have a room alone so I wouldn't feel so much alone. I had to learn to depend on me."

So she took over a daughter's bedroom where she now designs needlepoint. Two yarn trees made by her husband Herbert help support her new life. Columns of wood with upward branches hold skein after skein of wool on limbs of blue and green, every color of the family tree. "Here is where I can 'close-off.'"

But there are ways and places to find solitude other than within the walls of a room, and other women have discovered
them, according to their own personal patterns. If you lack a room, you don't necessarily lack the spirit of independence.

Mrs. Lindley G. Miller of Oyster Bay, Long Island, has that certain spirit. "I don't really think any woman can have a place alone in her house," she insists. "I just keep adding on to the lawn!" Patsy, mother of five, goes on, "I now have 3 acres of lawn and I simply get on my enormous red tractor to escape. In the fall I fertilize heavily on purpose. I can't retreat to a soundproof room. I'd be brought up in court for child neglect. (Her husband is a local judge.) I used to tell the children, 'Don't call me unless you see blood.' Now I mow. The tractor is so noisy I can't hear a thing. I'm alone with myself, plus I get credit for cutting the lawn. I've even got my winter problem solved. For Christmas I got a snowplow."

Acoustical engineers have their own term for Mrs. Miller's protective blanket of noise. They call it "acoustical perfume." To them, obviously, perfume of one sort or the other covers up almost anything.

A quiet attic is as near as Mrs. Booth Hemingway comes to having a room of her own. She retires to the attic of her Stamford, Conn., house to make dried flower arrangements. "I find I can think better when my hands are busy. For me, being alone is to be. I need time to sort myself out. Sometimes it's in the kitchen making chutney or baking bread. Or sometimes I just get up earlier than the rest of the family. Either end of the clock is a time to be alone."

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On another scale is Mrs. Gifford B. Pinchot of Upperco, Md., who plays the gamba as member of a Renaissance group. "We have recently added a library where my husband [a research biologist] reads and writes medical papers, while I play and practice the gamba in the living room. It's delightful to reunite after a slight geographic distance."

Like most writers, novelist William Styron has his own study in the Styron house in Roxbury, Conn. "But Bill is totally devoted to a desk," says his wife, Rose. "It doesn't matter if the desk is in a hotel or here at home, that desk is his private world. When I want tranquility, I go outdoors and sit under a tree, maybe looking at a pond, sometimes writing poetry."

While Rose sits, Mrs. X of Fredericksburg, Va., climbs. "Call me Mrs. X because people would think I was dotty if they knew where I hide. Years ago when we built the children a substantial tree house I was really thinking of myself. Now they've outgrown it, and it is all mine! It's where I read, write, plan menus."

## *I HAVE SUCH A GOQID TIME SHTTING ALQNE IN MY THEE HOUSE THINKING..."

"It's my Think House as well as my tree house. And it's terribly good exercise getting there. I think my golf game has improved because of my arm muscles. Now that I am older I
have such a good time sitting alone in my tree house thinking of all the imperfect things I've done all my life!"

Gardens are secret. Where else can you go so openly to dig deep or praise yourself so highly for a job well done? Mrs. Frank Ober of Monkton, Md., visits her garden early. "Whenever everyone has left the house in the morning I talk to my flowers with nothing more on my mind than when I shall see them next-the flowers I mean. But I am more like an expectant father than Mother Earth. I can hardly wait for the first tiny hint of beauty, that sprout peeking out. 'Mrs. Moon, where are you?' I say to my favorite tulip. 'Myrtle, up! up!' "

For Mrs. Anthony Pickman, a landscape architect of Lincoln, Mass., a petal toss from Walden Pond, her wild flower garden by the house is for experiments, while her cutting garden is for escape. "It's so far from the house someone would jolly well want me desperately to come and get me. I weed and I weed and I love it."

What if there's no abandoned tree house to take over, no room to build, no room to borrow from a grown child, or beg from a husband? Let's not forget the bath. The beautiful bath, restorer of spirits, comforter supreme. The bath is to linger, to meditate, to remember, to forget, to talk to yourself, to write letters that may never see paper but oh were so witty, so wise. The shower is a thundering herd, but the bath is a bay of tranquility.

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Color color color Nothing shy about it. Intense, wild, almost psychedelic. You'll get your first eyeful in the Finnair plane (if you take advantage of the national carrier's yearold, six-day-a-week, two-stop flight-New York-Amsterdam-Copenhagen-Helsinki), its seats covered at random with bright blue, turquoise, bright purple. In land-based furniture, too. Take a walk through the Asko shop across from the Hotel Marski. Eero Aarnio's fiberglass "Pastille" chair in bright red, bright yellow. Upholstered swivel chairs covered in brilliant magenta. Wood furniture finished in powerful lacquer colors-opaline blue, intense yellow, deep purply blue, ultramarine combined with scarlet. And with all this color . . .
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ment. At Stockmann's and elsewhere, a proliferation of . . . Pretty things for the table The Finns really put their hearts into these. Finnair first-class passengers pampered with linen damask place mats and napkins designed by Dora Jung and glasses in Tapio Wirkkala's "Ultima Thule" pattern that look like something from the ice queen's palace. Iitala Glassworks produces Wirkkala's glass designs, also those of Timo Sarpaneva. Wärtsilä Arabia, largest ceramic factory, makes everything from flowerpots and cook-and-serve ware to delicate rice china. See display on fifih floor of 25 Pohj. Esplanaadikatu and find out where to buy. Watch also for Fiskars stainless steel; and the fat Juhava candles, designed by Timo and Pi Sarpaneva, in marvelous colors. More glorious colors in the Finns' handmade . .
Travel blanliets and ryar rags The blankets-soft, downy, lightweight, much too good for a football game. Bought mine at Friends of Finnish Handeraft Shop (Lönnrotinkatu 4). At Vuokku (Kasarmikatu 19), can buy them made up into ponchos. Other goodies at the Friends': handwoven curtain fabrics, rough linen place mats and tablecloths, embroidered tea cozies-all in glowing colors. Tea cozies just right size to stuff and use as small sofa pillows. Around the corner (Yrjönkatu 13, seventh floor) is the Friends' rug center. Breathtaking display of rya (in Finnish, ryijy) rugs like soft-edge abstract paintings in stained glass colors. Can order duplicates or do-it-yourself kits. Also not to be missed [Pleasantries in acood At lbero (check at hotel for new address), groovy costume jewelry made of brightly painted wooden beads. At Aarikka (Bulevardi 7), chunky candle-
sticks made of wood balls, beads, and disks. In Stockmann's souvenir department: lacy birds and St. Thomas Crosses amazingly wrought from thin thin shavings of birch. The Finns have a real flair for creating . .
Delights for children The endearing bright clothes by Marimekko. The wood toys, troll hand puppets, and "Moomins" at Stockmann's. The Poppa series of bright, painted play furniture designed by Anna Tauriala for Korhonen. The very practical take-a-beating furniture by Artek, Muurame, SOK Vakiopuu. And for grownups the Finns make ...
Jeucelry Monumental bracelets, brooches, cuff links, of dull glowing Lapland gold, designed by Bjorn Weckstrom for Kruunu-Koru-or of silver in sculptural shapes, textured finishes. Modern pendants by Tapio Wirkkala for Westerback. You might or might not go for . . .
The sauna But don't overlook its accessories in sauna departments at Stockmann's or Renlund (a hardware store at Mikonkatu 7) : linen terry towels for a brisk rub, sauna soap with birch essence, dried birch switches. For birch whisks with aromatic leaves still on, ask about deep frozen whisks processed by SOK Deep-freeze Plant. You'll find lots of delicious ideas to borrow from Finland's . . .
Food and drink. The butter, cut out like cookies, then arranged in three-dimensional compositions. The dark bread cut out like doughnuts before baking. "Vodka and lime," a straightforward version of India's insidious gimlet. The single small boiled new potato that turns up on almost every plate of hors d'oeuvre. Deep fried Camembert to spread on toasted crackers-sensational.

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# HOUSE A GARIDEN, MAY, 1970 editors' EYE on people and things 

## Wallpapers with Art Nou-

 veau suvirls inspired by the work of turn-of-the-century Viennese painter Gustav Klimt (see them in our "Decorating Zest," page 122) will enliven the walls of an improvised discothèque designed by William Baldwin in New York's Metropolitan Museum for its Centennial Ball on April 13. Also created for the ball were an 1870s ballroom by Parrish-Hadley, a Belle-Époque patio by McMillen, and a 1930s Egyptian "roof garden" by Burge-Donghia.May in New York marks the Guggenheim Museum's tenth anniversary and the first public presentation of special key works from its great private collection, reflecting every major period in twentieth-century painting and sculpture. Through September 13.

Super "Supergeometrics" are a new entry into the fabric field for designers Harry Schule and John McCarville. Ten patterns on cotton, linen, and other grounds, with matching wallpapers, change moods from simple hard-edge to exotic Eastern. From $\$ 7$ to $\$ 12$ per yard. At I. D. Fabrics, 979 Third Avenue, New York, N. Y., 10022. Matching rugs are available at Phoenix Carpet, also at 979 Third Avenue, New York.

The first major retrospective exhibit of Dorothy Liebes's work at New York's Museum of Contemporary Crafts, sponsored by Du Pont, presents a complete spectrum of the famous textile designer's pioneering work in color and new materials since the 1920s. Including her recent red-andblue plaid, nonflammable upholstery for the new Boeing 747 jets. Through May 10.

"Nut \& Bolt" frames sandwich the picture between two hefty layers of plexiglass fastened by chrome-plated nuts and bolts. From 6-by-6 inches to 12 -by-15 inches, for $\$ 20$ to $\$ 35$. Designed by Joyce Zeller, at New Century Studios, 119 Avenue D, New York, N. Y., 10009.

## Anyone going to Chicago

 should know that designer Larry Peabody's stamp is on a suite in the Pearson Hotel. It has been decorated with the Haitian-inspired "Many Moods of Contemporary" collection of furniture and accessories that he has designed and coordinated especially for Sears.

A long-Iasting light bulb that reflects like a mirror, thanks to a thin, thin coating of gold or aluminum: The Tovibulb, produced by Tovi \& Perkins, lights up with a hazy glow when on. It costs $\$ 5$. Table, floor, and ceiling fixtures using the bulb have been designed by Koch \& Lowy, 940 Third Avenue, New York, N. Y., 10022, and George Kovacs, 831 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y., 10021.

Spring is for garden tours: At Watercress Farm, a 200-yearold, privately owned Dutch house in Flemington, New Jersey, Bertram Goldsmith has opened his twelve gardens and three greenhouses full of indig. enous and tropical plants to the public, at $\$ 1$ per tour. For information, call 201-735-7010.

## Long Istand's OId Westbury

 Gardens honors Italy this year in its spring ceremonies, at 2:00 PM on May 16. Italian Ambassador Egidio Ortuna will preside over special festivities and, of course, the Italian garden. House \& Garden's four Answer Gardens (see our October 1969 issue) will reopen May 30.New York's Horticultural Society holds its May Garden Show on May 20, featuring iris, tulips. At 128 West Fifty-eighth Street, New York, N. Y., 10019.

A Vera design on sheets and pillows could help anyone sleep more easily . . . six of her crisp, fresh spring flowers, brushed stripes, and abstracts match and relate to seven new solid colors. In no-iron cotton/polyester percale, all sizes. Twin-size sheets cost about \$6. By Burlington Domestics, division of Burlington Industries, 1345 Sixth Avenue, New York, N. Y., 10019.

The new Dione Lucas store is also a cooking school. The first of the television chefs conducts classes and free demonstrations in her white-and-blue tiled kitchen for customers shopping for gourmetware in the front of the charming, oakfloored shop with beamed ceilings. For a schedule of courses, write to Dione Lucas store, 226 East Fifty-first Street, New York, N. Y., 10022.


Colorful "multiples" on Wealgroood bone china: Six brilliant geometric patterns by well-known artist and designer Eduardo Paolozzi constitute a limited edition of 200 plates, in groups of six numbered designs for $\$ 600$. Each accompanied by a certificate signed by the artist. At Tiffany \& Company, 727 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y., 10022. (Look for multiples: They can be anything designed by a contemporary artist, in limited or unlimited editions, as functional or decorative art.)

By adding a few feet to small rooms or enclosing porches, you can add a whole new life and perspective to an old house-without major reconstruction. (See our remodeling section, pages 106 to 113.)



# theJOYor BEAUTY ${ }_{\text {at }}$ HOME 

"Give me," said John Keats, "books, fruit, French wine, and fine weather and a little music out of doors. . . ." All the essentials for a beautiful life at home. But there can be others, equally pleasant, and it is the purpose of this issue to show you some of the best. Almost invariably, the "best" means living with the things you love. Luxury can be an element: What is more luxurious than comfort? So can simplicity, serenity, flowers, gardens (you don't need a half-acre lot to be a happy gardener), paintings, heirlooms, books, color, music, fragrance, bibelots-even the presentation of food, a beautiful thing in itself. If you love fine old furniture, you will undoubtedly surround yourself with as much of it as you can lay hands on. If you are adventurous, wrought steel will seem as elegant as rosewood, perhaps more exciting. It doesn't much matter what you like as long as you follow William Morris's golden rule of owning "nothing you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful." Just put them together in a way that delights the eye and, if possible, helps to soothe the vertebrae.

## $\boldsymbol{B}_{\text {EaUTY }}$ AT THE TABLE

## "Touches of beauty should never be half-way."

-John Keats

One of the prettiest points of view a room can take is to become a garden room. This one, once an Edwardian parlor, was wrapped entirely in white-treillage on walls and ceiling, vinyl tile on the floor-and studded with such hardy greenery as topiary trees, ivy, ferns, succulents. For a beautiful breakfast, an organdy cloth laid like a great handkerchief over a white-on-white skirt; perfect flowers, only one or two to a vase, circling a jet of flowering quince. Setting designed by The Greenery. "Bimini" china plates and "Windswept" goblets by Noritake. "Malvern" sterling silver by Lunt. Shopping information, page 146.

## $?$ <br> EAUTY OUTDOORS

A garden ought to be like one of the rooms out of which you step into another." -Sir William Temple
In San Francisco, behind the old firehouse he has made his home, designer John Dickinson now lunches and dines in fine weather in a 15 -by- 25 -foot back garden where firemen once dried their shirts. Designed as a roofless pavilion, banked on two sides by ivied walls, the new garden is paved in brick laid like parquet, bordered with boxwood and daisy chrysanthemums, and holds at dead center a rustic table and chairs with redwood seats carved to look like cushions. For shade: a wonderful topiary umbrella of ivy trained around a steel armature and lighted at night by spotlights hidden in the table's base-a nicely weathered barrel. Landscaping consultant: Charles Deaton.


## Beauty In <br> THE BEDROOM

## "Evervthing beautiful is made of a mixture."-Plato

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kempner's Manhattan bed-sitting room was designed by William Baldwin for sheer, delicious shut-out-the-worldness. Walls are draped with soft, creamy casement cloth shirred on rods and bordered with a striped French fabric repeated on the bed, behind the bed, and as the skirt for a table. In front of the fireplace at the other end of the room, two chairs and a Victorianesque sofa are covered in glazed chintz splashed with double poppies-the flower of sleep. Beautiful blue note: doors painted sapphire and turquoise, their paneling picked out in white.


## Beauty In DESIGN

## "The irresistible

motion of steel."

-Olivier Messiaen

As beautiful as platinum, as malleable, more enduring, steel-when it is wrought into furniture - comes alive in a fabulous way. Here are seven examples of its versatility. 1. Tier table of steel and bronze. Cantilevered disks swing out to triple surface space. 4. Low table of burnished steel with mirrored legs, mirrored cross banding. 5. Oval dining table of steel with clear acrylic base. Mitered top of four segments in contrasting burnished finishes. 6. "Long Wave" bench, 48 inches long, incredibly graceful. All designed by Maria Pergay. 2. Floor lamp of polished stainless steel designed by Pat Hoffman. An Industrial Design Award winner. 3. Sculptured steel cocktail table of five linked blocks. Designed by John Vesey . 7. Stainless steel I-beam table, 54 inches long. Designed by R. J. McDonald.

For shopping information see page 146.



## Beauty In A CITY GARDEN

## "God Almighty first planted a garden;

 and indeed, it is the purest of human pleasures."-Sir Francis Bacon



Painter Ralph Du Casse lives in a turn-of-the-century San Francisco house brilliantly modernized to suit his steel-and-tweed tastes. But the little garden behind it was redesigned to hold a parterre or "knot garden," above, that is pure eighteenth century. Painted iron urns planted with agapanthus shoot up like white columns at two corners of the geometric maze of boxwood spheres and hedges. Girdling the parterre, pittosporum trees have been pruned so that they spread a green ruff along the top of the lattice fence-and shut out the neighbors. At the "trees'" feet, a neatly manicured, little hedge of English box. Circling the parterre and paving the ground up to the deep shade of the house overhang, right, a basket weave of old pink and white brick was laid on sand so that bits of moss-prettier than mortarcould creep through. Giant Australian ferns make a feathery little forest under the stairs to the balcony, and pots of French marguerites and Shasta daisies are dotted here and there on the platform-terrace. There are glossy clumps of rhododendrons, too, and since this is a green and white garden, they are all white, all bearing the splendid name of Mrs. A. T. De La Mare. Landscaping consultant: Charles Deaton.








66In the master bedroom, we wanted a summy garalem atmosphere, and, at the same time, a sense of retreat."

A diversity of patterns in the master suite are linked by vivid splashes of yellows and greens in the bedroom, above, and dressing area, right, intense blues in the bathroom, opposite page. The patterns of gay flowered fabrics, wide-striped wallpaper, and geometric carpeting are unified by color as well as scale. "Even in wintertime this room is summery-sunny and relaxing. At first I was afraid of so much color and pattern, but Zajac and Callahan had the needed experience to coordinate things properly." Strict attention to other design details is also evident in the compact armoire, left, and storage units built into the dressing room. The bathroom is another interest ing study in pattern arrangement where "an alltile look was created by combining wallpapers and standard floor tiles," says Mr. Callahan.



When New York designer Richard V. Hare and his wife, Ann, came upon the shingle house built 200 years ago by a Long Island whaling captain, they saw much more than just a retreat from the city. "We found a beautiful house scarred by nearly two centuries of remodeling and tampering," says Mr. Hare. "But we also knew it was a place that, with energy and hard work, we could turn into a private world we could enjoy for years to come."
"For eight years we've lived in plaster dust," says his wife. "Today, when we say 'home,' we mean here."

Stephen Hare, 13, and his brother Christopher, 8 , get as big a kick out of the house as their parents do. So do a pair of rambunctious Norwich terriers known as Rufus and Roscoe.

To make it truly theirs, the Hares filled the house only with special things and masses and masses of fresh flowers from the garden. "You could drop in on us any day of the week," says Mr. Hare, "and find flowers everywhere, even on the table out by the pool [opposite page]."

There is a whole room devoted to flower fixing, below right, and a greenhouse, below, which serves as winter residence for orchids that in summer hang on an old maple tree.

And in the living room, right, where flowers cannot grow, they sprout on the French watering-can chintz. Looking down from the bay window, a decoy deer from England.


A beautiful way to live FLOWER-FILLED WORLD
" $H_{\text {ere }}$ life is a total joy," say Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hare.







THE HARE HOUSE continued
"I love to have friends for lunch, dinner, or an entire weekend," says Mrs. Hare. "It is my greatest pleasure to cook simple, hearty meals that look beautiful and taste good."

After dinner, overnight guests can relax in a private rose and white sitting room, left, that adjoins a guest room. The flower-bowered wallpaper is from France; Mrs. Hare made the needlepoint pillows.

For their biggest bash of all, once a year the Hares turn house and garden over to charity: Last year it was a party for the benefit of the local day school. That afternoon, 750 guests, opposite page, bottom center, strolled up the wooded drive, top right, and around the lawns. And, if they followed the paths that wind amid the property's undulating border of hemlock and rhododendron, they might have come upon Mr. Hare's hidden gardens and the surprise of a mirrored patch of fence, above left.

The boys' favorite parties, whether there are four guests or forty, are the ones at poolside. "When it comes to swimming parties," says Mrs. Hare, "Stephen is the Elsa Maxwell of Long Island." Lazily surveying one gathering, above center, an iron rabbit that once confounded Rufus and Roscoe, whose idea of a party is an old-fashioned rabbit chase.

## FOUR WAYS TO BUILD

# BEAUTIFUL NEW 

## ROOMS

1. Mr. and Mrs.Thomas G.Hardie II:

NEW BEDROOM, BATH, OFFICE, DECK


## "This additional space suddenly opened

 up a totally new view for us."By simple addition, an older house can acqui amazing new livability. Without costly reconstru tion of the existing house, there can be gains gre: er than square footage alone. A sky-high new be room, a sunny library, a rooftop greenhouse, view-snaring porch are among the delightful ne assets of four rejuvenated city and country house The four architects speak their minds on page .

The diagonal extension, $\mathbf{l}$, to the Thomas Hardies' ra bling Maryland farmhouse, 2, added much needed roor as well as surprising new vistas. Designed by archit Walter Ramberg, this bedroom wing with its beige sh gled exterior walls and metal roof maintains the inhere spirit of the nineteenth-century structure but has cc trasting modern aspects-rounded windows and a th story shuttered window wall "that makes the space appe much larger and opens up the view." Mr. Ramberg man ulated an angular plan in which a bathroom was she horned into the wing, new ample storage acquired, a de created, an office gained, and a spectacular view capture Writer Dee Hardie now has a private office, 3, "with 1 desk facing the rolling fields. Before this extension, were never aware of this side of the house, but now spend a great deal of time here." The deck, $\mathbf{4}$, is an o door room until October. The bedroom, opposite pa 12 feet high, echoes the colors of the enveloping landsca







4. Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Eichhol

NEW ENTRANC AND GARAGE, ROOFTOP GREENHOUSE

A new wing with a streetside garage and a greenhouse above it has a traditional character that blends with the Robert B. Eichholzes' Georgian-inspired house in Washington, D.C. Architect Hugh Newell Jacobsen conformed to strict local building codes by "making a contemporary greenhouse as inconspicuous as possible and designing it to look like a roof." The charcoal glass which resembles a metal roof from the street, is set in teak rafters that break the shiny expanse. Inside the greenhouse, teal boxes on counters encase the plants tha Mrs. Eichholz cultivates. "This is a ho greenhouse where I can grow all of my tropi cal plants during the winter." The outdoo garden displays her spring and fall flowers

BEAUTIFUL NEW ROOMS continued

The greenhouse is a beautiful, esthetic structure. It doesn't look like a place where you just push loam






BEAUTY, BATH AND BEDROOM continued




$T$his dazzling bedroom, left, explains the pleasure-the-eye principle of the Flowering Spaces . . . never bore it or ignore it . . charm the eye with color and shape, amuse it by juggling both on a nonstop basis. Keith Irvine and Thomas Fleming Inc., who did this room for Mr. and Mrs. Guillermo Aguilera, planted pinky geraniums all over the walls, gave the Spanish four-poster bed a vociferous crocheted cover, a reticent green-dotted canopy, a Jester tester, and heaped it high with a pile of nasturtium and primrose printed Porthault pillows.

$T$he bath-shower-dressing room, left and below, that Margaret Willaumez imagined for American-Standard is an ideal blend of technology and intimacy. Countess Willaumez, who hates anything pretentious, likes to "put beautiful things together so they won't hit you between the eyes," took the big goldfish tank as her point of departure. Now the eye picks up a small series of surprises . . . funny shaped sponges on an open linen closet . . a basket of shells . . . a real fishnet to curtain a doorway ... the clean punch of sea-blue washbowl and snowwhite shelving . . . the dashing floor-six-sided tiles by Structural Stoneware . . . masses of soap, perfumes.



These spaces, designed by Fiber-Jehu, Inc., are an extraordinary build-up for beauty . the sudden delight of the flowering Mexican tile bathroom, above, and the arbor dressing room, left, with its trellised floors and flowering walls . . . the immense help of sweeping work spaces . . . all the places to hide things in . . . perhaps the best of all, the kind and cruel lighting-kind, indirect lighting to soothe the spirit and a cruel-kind stage-lit mirror that lets a woman see herself as others see her.

Yomen with a strong inclination for one perume's free expression and an antipathy for nonersonalities are reveling in the great pleasure of marvelous, creamy, nondrying, nonscented soap rom a whole unfragranced personality line: They eeply enjoy the rich bath oil that balances their cin oil, lets their own perfume really pow.

T'S EASY TO FORGET YQUR FEET ntil they remind you in no uncertain terms that hey've beem with you right along. To keep feet rom ever turning against them, collectors are utting a foot treatment lotion and a foot treatrent cream on their shelves (bottles andl jars re beige, very pretty). Applying the delicate, lear lotion is like dipping your toes inte a ountain stream; used each morning it will cool nd deodorize all day long. The cream is an end-f-day idea for massaging and for taking tension way from tired feet.

$T$his bathroom, right, in Mr. and Mrs. Morton Janklow's marvelously proportioned New York apartment (the building is a Stanford White) was restored to life by Renny B. Saltzman. He kept all the lovely lines intact, eve it sun-struck wallpaper, canary yellow moldings, e bright clamor of Portuguese tile, and the punch of gigantic floor-to-ceiling Art Nouveau poster by Mucha.


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INTIRINSIC TO THE BATH-STYLE of quite a fe stylish men now-the bath sponge. Sometimes it's a dile tante, easy-on-the-skin silk sponge . . . for a rough workout, an immense Mandruka-fantastically shape . . . other times, that super-washcloth, soft, limp wh wet, one of the marvelous looking elephant ear sponge


This bedroom designed by Denning and Fourcade vivid, rewarding to the eye, and stalwart, prov that a man's bedroom doesn't need to be bare, ble and boring. The knockout terry cloth plaid on bed and at the windows is the same red, white, blue as the paisley pillow. The eloquent mirror frame, the b the dressing table are nineteenth century, the whole dated N

The monusual usuals for men who spurn ordinary . . . a toothbrush that's entirely soft but frigh fully efficient, made in England of badger's fur . . . peppermint breath-freshener from Italy that smells If everyone's childhood . . . to hold a shaving brush upsi down and dry, a specially designed, tiny, Lucite stan

The Masculine Soap Collector draws a very fine line tween a scent that he considers acceptably male and woman's soap." Naturally that famous English shav soap in the sturdy wooden bowl gets by, even though scented with rose geranium . . . then there's the $n$ brown-sugar soap from Japan-black brown and ve lathery . . . a milk and sulphur soap from Great Brit with healing properties . . . the famous Spanish beesu soap, so smooth-it's actually gentled with a drop or two honey . . a seaweed soap with good things from the oce . . . and a sandalwood soap from India, fragrantly smo inordinately delicious.




## $P_{\text {Tabty }}$

## fresh as all outdoors

What a beautiful way to entertain . . . at tables set like gardens with china and silver in the shapes and designs of flowers, fruits, greenery, and birds. Tables delicious with tender little bunchesor big, gay explosions-of flowers. Just to show you, House \& Garden has asked a group of gifted flower designers to create an alfresco feeling indoors for luncheon and dinner parties. Here and on the next three pages, the tables are delightfully at home in their surroundings, and all the elements work magically together.

"Mixing fresh fruit
flowers adds a bold tou a table," says flower des Antonio. In the apartme interior designer Jack trick, above, the fruit Antonio used reappea smoky Fostoria goblets. bassy" gold dot patter Mikasa porcelain "Grand Cołonial" vermei ware by Wallace. "I Iov explosion of color and grance," says Judith G who spring-scented her room, left, with big bour little baskets. Spode L toft plates in "Queen's pattern and "Sonata" c goblets. "Queen Elizabe sterling flatware by T
*This was a real ga room," said flower des MacDonald Forbes, "wh thought should have un flowers." He chose del subtle blossoms for Mr . Mrs. John Devereaux's d room, opposite page, des by Gilman-Brown. D plates in "Pastorale" p by Doulton; Wheaton and's "Rambouillet" goblets; "Bridal Bouquet "Southern Charm" ste flatware by Alvin. Mist "Wrens" and "Robin" ered bowls by Westmore



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# How to serve party drinks 

bY Mary mogn hemingw ay
editor's note: Mary Moon Hemingway, whose "Notes for the Hostess" appears monthly in House \& Garden, is an indefatigable party giver. With the aid of her freezer, she can give a party for eight or eighty with great spontaneity, no trauma (turn the page for some of her menus). Here are some of her tips for planning your party bar.

It isn't always feasible to hire a professional bartender for your party, but it is sensible to plan your bar strategy ahead and practice a few professional ploys to insure that everything will go smoothly and easily.

Just as I like to have food in the freezer for impromptu parties, I like to have a basic liquor supply always on hand. As liquors are used, the bottles are checked and replenished immediately, as are mixers, lemons, olives, onions et al. I store plenty of beer in my bar icebox and wine in the cellar. I always keep lots of ice, too, made day after day when the domestic consumption is low and stored in the freezer in double plastic bags.

## SETTING UP THE HAIE

Just as I serve the food buffet style, I have a bar buffet with everything at hand and a snack buffet nearby to move people away from the drink center. This way guests can help themselves once the party has gotten under way. For more than twenty people, two bar areas are often better than one, permitting continual movement and preventing a male crush at one cul-de-sac while the ladies linger on the periphery.

Two card tables covered with a mattress pad for absorbency and brightened with a gay tablecloth or superfancy sheet make a fine bar. Underneath you may slide a big foam ice chest for cubes as well as extra bottles. Continued on page 137

## OPPOSITE PAGE:

To transport luncheon guests to a forest glade, flower designer Ronaldo Maia has set a table covered with a mantle of fresh green leaves against a backdrop of blossoming branches and a flowered wallpaper, in a minute dining room designed by Mario Buatta. "Innovation"-shape china plates in bright "Firesong" pattern and crystal champagne glasses
in "Horizon" pattern-both by Lenox. Sterling silver knives and forks in "Michelangelo" pattern; Community Goldplate dessert forks and spoons in "Golden Artistry" pattern-both by Oneida. For shopping information, see page 146.
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## DIRINKS FOR A CHOWID

Punch bowls and tureens are fine containers for serving a large number of lunchtime drinks. To keep daiquiris cold, I like to make up a ring mold of frozen daiquiri mix, layered with sliced limes and pineapple chunks. When the ring melts in the bowl, the drinks do not become watery. In the same way, an icy block of clam and tomato juices spiced with pepper sauce and trimmed with radish circles cools a punch bowl of Bloody Marys admirably; or bouillon decorated with lemon wheels and parsley for bull shots; frozen lemonade with orange for sours. These ice blocks may be made up well in advance and stored in the freezer. All of the drinks may be ladled over the rocks or served "straight up." A great icer for a fruity drink is frozen-hard-as-a-rock pineapple. It looks delicious plunged into a bowl and will not dilute the punch.

At times, when I don't feel that such large quantities of mixed drinks are warranted and yet a goodly amount will still be required, I like to use individual pitchers of preprepared makings: a spiced bouillon concoction (absolutely no consommé; it jellies upon contact with ice), spicy tomato juice, sour juices, simple syrup, a rum-base mix. Nothing is wasted with this method and each drink can be made to the guest's specification-light, regular, etc.

As an alternative to the traditional drinks, it is sometimes fun for a big noontime gathering to go mildly international. Not only sangria and sherries from Spain, but chilled manzanilla, served in pitchers, is a perfect accompaniment to smoky or salty foods. I have always liked spritzers and am not afraid to use a good white wine with the soda. Instead of beer, you can offer a shandygaff-that nostalgic British combination of beer with ginger beer or ginger ale-or a German bole made with fruit or herbs and wine or champagne. All these drinks can be served in pitchers or bowls for easy selfservice. Still-wine drinks may be put into the freezer an hour before the party, which helps to keep them from becoming watered down when ice is added.

## FREEZER DIRINKS

My husband likes to keep a half-gallon of martinis in the freezer. He pours off eight ounces of gin, fills the bottle again with dry vermouth for a very dry drink suitable mainly for pouring over ice. A julep makes an excellent freezer drink. Place the silver cups with whiskey into the freezer to bring them to a frosty peak before your guests arrive.

We have even stored plastic bar glasses in the freezer to keep them chilled, transferring them to a big plastic foam cooler to use as needed. Nested plastic barware insulates a drink against warm hands; a double glass per person serves the purpose nicely.

## NONALCOHOLIC DRINKS

As an alternative to the usual soft drinks for teetotalers, try strong coffee, flavored with a twist of lemon and poured over crushed ice. Bitters and soda also make a refreshing simple-to-serve drink. We sometimes have an "and/or" first course -a cold soup ladled into glasses to be enjoyed by both the drinkers and abstainers.

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For your legs


With legs far apart, arms outstretched, flex one knee bending down, then the other. Keep shifting.

For your chest


With arms bent, hands in front with one palm crossed and pressing against the other, raise hands high, then down to shoulders, hips, resisting both ways. Inhale when hands are up, exhale when hands are down.

For your
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## motion of steel

Pages 90-91:

1. Cantilevered table, $231 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ disks, $12^{\prime \prime}$ high, available through decorators at Harvey Probber Showrooms, 979 Third Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022. 2. Floor lamp, $48^{\prime \prime}$ high, $\$ 500$ (in pol-
ished aluminum, \$250) through decorators at Koch \& Lowy, 940 Third Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022.
2. Cocktail table, $54^{\prime \prime}$ long $\times 24^{\prime \prime}$ wide x $18^{\prime \prime}$ high, $\$ 4,800$ through decorators at John Vesey, 969 Third Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022.
3. Coffee table, $39^{1 / 2 \prime \prime}$ square, $111 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ high, at Harvey Probber.*
4. Dining table, 87" diam., 29" high, at Harvey Probber. ${ }^{*}$
5. Stainless steel bench, $48^{\prime \prime} \times 151 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ x $14^{1} / 2^{\prime \prime}$ high, at Harvey Probber.* 7. Coffee table with satin-finished edges, $54^{\prime \prime}$ wide $\times 28^{\prime \prime}$ deep $\times 16^{1 / 2 "}$ high, $\$ 595$ at Transflections Ltd., 201
E. 61st St., New York, N. Y., 10021.

## decorating zest

Pages 122-123:

1. "East Hampton" tuxedo sofa, wood frame sheathed in stainless steel, cushions covered in Jack Lenor Larsen fabric (muslin), $96^{\prime \prime}$ long x $30^{\prime \prime}$ deep, $\$ 2,600$ through decorators at Carlos Sansegundo,* 242 W. 14th St. New York, N. Y., 10011. 2. Molded polyurethane chair with white matte finish. Not yet available in the U.S. 6. Fabric with matching wallpaper from the Klimt Collection, fabric \$18 yard, wallpaper $\$ 21$ roll, at Woodson,* 979 Third Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022. 7. "Half Moon" wardrobe, with two sliding doors to conceal shelves and closet space, variety of color finishes. Not yet available in the U.S. 8. Rear: Console, dark brown lacquer, $18^{\prime \prime}$ wide x $72^{\prime \prime}$ long x $29^{\prime \prime}$ high, $\$ 1,800$. Rear right: Single console, yellow lacquer, $18^{\prime \prime}$ wide $\times 36^{\prime \prime}$ long x $29^{\prime \prime}$ high, $\$ 900$. Rear left: Single console topped with suede, $\overline{18^{\prime \prime}}$ wide x $36^{\prime \prime}$ long x $29^{\prime \prime}$ high, $\$ 1,000$. Center right: Table/bench, $161 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ wide x $22^{\prime \prime}$ long x $24^{\prime \prime}$ high, $\$ 480$. Front right and center left: Benches, white lacquer or bleached walnut finish, cushions covered in batik are removable to convert bench to table, $161 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ wide $\times 22^{\prime \prime}$ long x $24^{\prime \prime}$ high,
$\$ 480$ without cushions. All available at Karl Springer,* 306 E. 61st St., New York, N. Y., 10021. 9. Sofa by Erik Ole Jorgensen. Not yet available in the U.S.

## Party tables

## Page 124:

1. "Embassy" gold dot pattern porcelain dinner plates by Mikasa, 5 -piece place setting \$15. "Sphere" pattern blown stemware by Fostoria, 131/2 oz. goblet and 8 oz . wine glass, $\$ 5.25$ each. "Grand Colonial" pattern vermeil flatware by Wallace Silversmiths, 4 -piece place setting $\$ 71$.
2. Spode Lowestoft Fine Stone dinner plate in "Queen's Bird" pattern, 5 . piece place setting $\$ 30$. Cut lead crystal wine glasses, water goblets, and champagne glasses in "Sonata" pattern, by Spode, $\$ 5.50$ each. Sterling silver flatware in "Queen Elizabeth I" pattern by Towle Silversmiths, 4 -piece place setting $\$ 58$.

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3. "Pastorale" pattern china dinner plate by Royal Doulton, 5 -piece place setting \$22. "Robin" pattern covered glass bowl, \$8. Glass "Wrens" \$2 each. Both by Westmoreland Glass. "Rambouillet" pattern French lead crystal water goblet and wine glass Continued on the next page

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from Wheaton Durand, $\$ 2.50$ each. Sterling silver flatware in "Bridal Bouquet" and "Southern Charm" patterns by Alvin Sterling, 4-piece place setting $\$ 55$ (either pattern). "Napoli" ceramic bread and butter plates from Italy, $6^{\prime \prime}$ diam., $\$ 2.50$ each at Mayhew, 509 Park Ave., New York, N. Y., 10022.

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4. "Rosamunde" pattern china dinner plates, salad plates, and casserole, 5 piece place setting $\$ 40$, casserole $\$ 85$. "Polaris" pattern crystal white-wine glasses, $61 / 4$ " high, $\$ 16$ each. "Grill" pattern stainless steel salad set, $\$ 20$, and salad forks, $\$ 4.75$ each, with handpainted china handles, 5 -piece place setting \$27. All by Rosenthal China. China and glass designed by Tapio Wirkkala and flatware designed by Bjorn Wiinblad. "Dawn Rose" sterling silver flatware, 4 -piece place setting $\$ 55$, serving set $\$ 35$. Silverplate oval platter, $19^{\prime \prime}, \$ 35$. Both by International Silver. Alligator-embossed table, $72^{\prime \prime} \times 18^{\prime \prime} \times 29^{\prime \prime}$ high, $\$ 825$ at Karl Springer,* 306 E. 6lst St., New York, N. Y., 10021. Steelframed suede armehair, $\$ 500$. Plexiglass end tables, $\$ 690$. Both at The Pace Collection, 315 E. 62nd St., New York, N. Y., 10021. Perspex chromeframed cocktail cubes, $15^{\prime \prime}$, $\$ 270$ each at Albrizzi Designs, 991 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y., 10021. Lucite table lamp, $\$ 625$ at Chodoff, 127 E. 57th St., New York, N. Y., 10022. Brass and stainless steel floor lamp, $\$ 237$ at Luten, Clarey, Stern,* 1059 Third Ave., New York, N. Y., 10021.

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5. "Engagement" china dinner plates by Syracuse China, 5 -piece place setting \$27. "Eileen" cut lead crystal water goblet, $\$ 6.50$, and wine glass, 86. Cut glass nut bowls, $\$ 5$ each. Cut glass compote, \$16. All by Waterford Glass. "Vienna" sterling silver flatware by Reed \& Barton, 4-piece place setting $\$ 60$. 6. "Overture" dinner plates by Franciscan China, 5 . piece place setting $\$ 25$. "Atwater" cut crystal wine glass by Franciscan Glass, \$7.75 each. "Trilogy" sterling silver flatware by Gorham, 4 -piece place setting 853. "Violets" Belgian linen tablecloth with banded edge, Crava-lin permanent press, $\$ 30$. Linen napkins, $\$ 1.25$. Both by California Handprints at Lord \& Taylor, Fifth Ave. at 38th St., New York, N. Y., 10018. Silvery salt and pepper shakers, $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$, box of four, $\$ 14$ at May. hew.
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## Gardener's notes

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MAY IS A TIME FOR ENJOYING FRESH COLORS, FRESH SCENTS, and all the sights and sounds of a season quickening toward summer. One of the best ways of getting the month's full flavor is to visit a nursery in the rush of its busy season. You'll be sure to find something you had forgotten about, something you hadn't known before, and something to give a new slant on the upkeep and improvement of your own dooryard. Probably you will also have an overwhelming urge to buy one of the new trees or shrubs, but first make sure you have firm answers for that still small voice that asks, "Where am I go ing to put it and how much maintenance will it require?"

May is also a time for mundane chores. Like cutting the oldest stems out of clumps of forsythia, Kerria, and the like. Do it immediately after the flowers fade, when stems are sappy and easy to cut, and when the plant has a full growing season ahead to fill out the gaps and store energy for next year's bloom. And while you're poking around in the shrubbery, don't forget to examine your mulch: Fill in spots where it has worn down or blown away and, even more important, loosen up any chunks that are too packed down and sodden to let air down to the plant.

PLANTS, LIKE PEOPLE, NEED A BALANCED DIET. That's why the percentages of the three vital plant food elements-nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium-are displayed so prominently on every sack of fertilizer. Gardeners sometimes ignore balance for the sake of getting a special result-stimulating the grass in a lawn with straight nitrogen, for instance. But recent research in plant and soil chemistry has proved this unwise from the standpoint of plants and soil alike. An oversupply of any one element not only causes unbalanced plant growth, it forces the plants to take out of the soil more of the missing elements than they normally would. This results in unbalancing the soil itself, making it permanently deficient in one or more of the vital elements. So, even though you're growing a crop that calls for more of one element than of the other two, don't forget that all three still have to be there. The plant needs them and the soil needs them.


Plants sometimes get stuck in the wrong pigeonholes. One such is Ber genia cordifolia (sometimes still known by its old name Saxifraga cordifolia). With round, glossy evergreen leaves and spring time clusters of soft pink flowers, it is al most always thought of as a garden plant. and an excellent one it is. But there is no reason to keep the lovely thing confined to flower beds and rock gardens since it wil grow with equal enthusiasm in a pot. That way it can be brought inside for off-season flowering or placed to good effect on a patio pavement or wall. This bergenia flow ers handsomely in its pot at Christmastime.

## EVERYTHING'S COMING UP

MARIGOLIDS and that's as it should be, since, apart from their rather limited color range, marigolds are as satisfactory for summer bedding and cutting as anyone could ask. This year's batch of introductions is even bigger and more varied than usual and one of the most popular will undoubtedly be Senator Dirksen. Introduced by Burpee, it is named for the late Senator Everett M. Dirksen who tried for years, without success, to have the marigold declared our national flower. Dirksen is a cheerful golden yellow in the carnation form that makes for good cutting quality.

Dnions, leeks, garlice, and chivesall are alliums, part of the vast lily family. The pungent smell of these denizens of the kitchen garden seems to put gardeners off the other, more decorative alliums and this is a pity, since all are handsome enough to grace any bed of mixed perennials. Scentwise there's nothing to shy away from, anyway, since the odor does not appear until the leaves are crushed. Some of these plants actually have sweet-smelling flowers. One of the best, and an excellent edging plant, is Allium moly, which has 8 -inch high bright green grassy leaves and, in early summer, clusters of golden yellow flowers. Another fine one, a foot tall and

OUTDODR PLANTS HAVE A LOT OF SPACE TO FILL.. That's why landseape desigmers hardly ever use simgle plants but prefer groups and elusters of a simgle kind of plant. The idea is to have enough of that one thing to be seen from at distance and to stand ont rather than fade into a nondescript mass. The same rule applies to planting a bed of ammuals or perennials for summertime color: Never use fewer than tharee plants of a kind toLether, and increase that mumber according to the distance from which the garden is to be looked at. The garden that really kmocks your eye out is the one that has great masses of one flower-dozens or humdreds of plamts of a single kimd.
just right for clustering in the forward part of a border, is A. tanguticum, which has loose heads of pearly white blooms in July. Giant of the family, aptly named $A$. giganteum, sends up a pokerstiff flower stalk to a height of almost 3 feet with a perfectly globular cluster of purple flowers atop. This happens at the time late tulips are blooming and any combination of the two has an effect that is, to say the least, stunning. All the alliums are easy to grow in ordinary well-drained soil with a modicum of sunshine. They're easy to propagate, too-from divisions, dormant bulbs, or seeds-and they're all fine as cut flowers. They are vigorous and spread freely to form clumps.


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